

2011 Ex-Salinas officer pleads no contest in molest case

Lance Mosher seeks felony probation in plea deal

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A former Salinas police officer has pleaded no **contest to molesting a 12-year-old girl.**

Lance Mosher, 45, entered the plea late Wednesday on the condition he be sentenced to felony probation, **which can carry up to one year in jail.** Judge Russell Scott agreed he would offer no opinion on the issue of Mosher serving any jail time on home confinement. He will be sentenced Sept. 23.



Mosher worked at the Salinas Police Department from 2004 until he was placed on paid administrative leave following his arrest in September.

According to testimony at his preliminary hearing, the girl reluctantly told District Attorney Investigator Christina Gunter in September that Mosher had once touched her sexually, and made her touch him, sometime between late 2005 and spring 2006.

On two subsequent occasions, she told Gunter, Mosher kissed her in a way that "made her uncomfortable." Marina police Sgt. Jeff Carr testified that an emotional Mosher had confessed to a family member that he inappropriately touched the girl.

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09/24/2011 Former Salinas police officer gets 9 months in jail for molesting girl

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A judge sentenced a former Salinas police officer Friday to **270 days in jail for molesting a 12-year-old girl** five years ago. Judge Russell Scott gave Lance Mosher until Oct. 28 to surrender so he can apply to serve the jail time on home confinement.

According to testimony at his preliminary hearing, the girl told investigators that Mosher once touched her sexually over her clothing and made her touch him. A suicidal Mosher confessed to his brother in April 2010 that he had not resisted when the girl placed his hand between her legs.

The 45-year-old pleaded no contest to one felony county in July. **He had faced a potential 12-year prison sentence as originally charged.** A six-year veteran of the Salinas Police Department, he was placed on administrative leave when he was arrested in September 2010.

He can never serve as a peace officer again. *Ooooo... NO! Isn't that a little harsh?*

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