

Was attending anger classes when met her Home monitoring for man who had sex with girl, 15

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WAUKEGAN - A Buffalo Grove man who admitted to having sex with a Waukegan teenager last year will not serve jail time, and instead have to serve six months of electronic home monitoring.

James Ulm, 54, of the 500 block of Highland Grove Drive was sentenced Tuesday by Circuit Judge Victoria Rossetti to 18 months of periodic imprisonment. Six of those months will be served by electronic home monitoring, and the rest of the sentence will be stayed. After completing that part of the sentence, he will serve four years of probation.

Prosecutor Mary Stanton sought up to five years in prison for Ulm, who pleaded guilty in January to counts of aggravated sexual abuse and indecent solicitation.

A pre-sentencing psychological evaluation showed that Ulm did not have a propensity to commit sex crimes. That, and the fact that he had a steady, successful job, were among the reasons Rossetti said she didn't sentence him to prison.

Ulm will be allowed to leave his home only for work, treatment and visits to his attorney.

Ulm met a 15-year-old girl in May 2008 while he was in Waukegan for anger management classes stemming from a 2007 misdemeanor battery conviction. The two exchanged phone numbers, and days later they met and had sex in a Waukegan parking lot. Ulm also snapped nude cell phone images of the girl before giving her \$20.

Ulm insisted at the time that he believed the girl was 18. At Tuesday's hearing, Ulm apologized to her and to his family.

"It was a very, very poor choice on my part," Ulm said.

Ulm was also ordered to continue treatment, and he must register as a sex offender.