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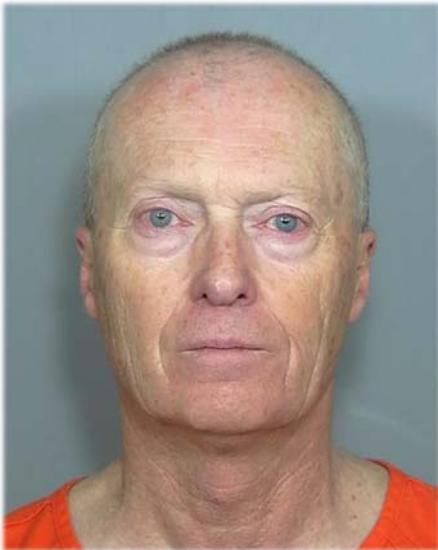
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Former Westminster Bus Driver Pleads Guilty To Attempted Sexual Assault on a Child



GREELEY, Colo. (Weld County D.A.) – A former bus driver in the Westminster Public Schools plead guilty today in Weld County District Court after attempting to arrange sex with someone he thought was a 14-year-old boy.

Phillip Ogren, 66, plead guilty to Attempted Sexual Assault on a Child (F5) and Sexual Exploitation of a Child (F3). He faces up to six years in the Department of Corrections, a fine up to \$750,000 and could be placed on the sex offender registry for the rest of his life.

Weld County Deputy District Attorney Brynne Gant prosecuted the case.

Up until his arrest, Ogren was employed as a school bus driver in Westminster.

According to the affidavit, an undercover Homeland Security agent found an ad on Craigslist in February seeking younger men for sex. The undercover agent – posing as a 14-year-old boy – responded to the ad via email and set a time to meet. The agent later learned the ad belonged to Ogren.

From February 25 to March 8, Ogren sent text messages back and forth between himself and the undercover agent detailing his sexual history, his plans with the 14-year-old boy and where they would meet. On several occasions, the undercover agent said he was 14.

Ogren agreed to meet the boy at Prairie View Park in Evans on March 8. Shortly after Ogren arrived, agents placed him under arrest. Investigators also found condoms, lubrication and porn in his vehicle.

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“We will never take crimes against children lightly,” said District Attorney Michael Rourke. “In this case, we have a defendant – a school bus driver - who was in a position of trust, and he lost that trust through his actions. We’re fortunate and grateful the ad wasn’t answered by a true victim.”

What’s Next:

Ogren will be sentenced on December 14 at 2:30 p.m. in Division 11 at the Weld County District Court.

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