

## Blue Privilege: Son of Police Chief Pleads Guilty to Child Rape — Gets Only House Arrest

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Adams County, IN — A 23-year-old man in Indiana pleaded guilty to molesting a 13-year-old foster child living with his family, and was sentenced to just three years of house arrest—now his family ties are being called into question.

Andrew Taylor is the son of Tim Taylor, the police chief in his hometown of Berne, Indiana. Waine.com <u>reported</u> that Andrew Taylor asked the young girl who had been placed with his family "to perform oral sex on him and she agreed" in October. He then told his father about what he did and turned himself in, according to court documents.

Jay County Prosecutor Wesley Schemenaur told Waine.com that he does not think Taylor was let off on such an incredibly light sentence because he is the son of the local police chief.

"That's why I was asked to be on the case as a special prosecutor because I don't have a relationship with the Berne police department or know the Taylor family at all," Schemenaur said. "I don't feel like he was treated, from the state's prospective, any differently than any other offender in a similar circumstance."

Waine.com reported that the judge ruled that "the fact Taylor self-reported, sought help, cooperated and took responsibility carried more weight than the prosecution's factors." He also made his decision based off of the fact that Taylor "didn't threaten to hurt the victim and it can't be said she is suffering."

However, it should be noted that while the judge seems to have only taken Andrew Taylor's well-being into consideration, there appears to be very little mention of the 13-year-old girl he molested. The victim, who was a foster child placed into the Taylor family's home, was put into an inappropriate situation at the hands of Andrew Taylor, his parents, and the state.

Despite the fact that this girl was the victim in the case, she reportedly had no legal representation, her state of well-being was assumed rather than verified, and she is said to have been placed in a different foster home.

In addition to spending three years on house arrest, Andrew Taylor will be on probation for five years. It is not clear as to whether Taylor will be forced to register as a sex offender, or whether his parents—the local police chief and his wife—will still be allowed to house foster children after this egregious incident.

As the Free Thought Project has reported, this is not the first time a police chief or his relatives have faced lenient treatment.

Blue privilege extending to a sex offender police family member should come as no surprise as police officers having sex with underage victims is, unfortunately, a fairly common practice.

Police sexual misconduct is so common that more than 1,000 officers have had their licenses revoked in just the last six years for it — nearly half of them involve underage victims.

According to a scathing <u>report</u>, around 1,000 policemen across the US had their licenses revoked and lost their jobs over the last six years on account of numerous sexual offenses that included rape and possession of child pornography. Half of these victims were underage.

Sexual misconduct is the second highest of all complaints nationwide against police officers, representing 9.3 percent in 2010, according to a <u>study</u> by the Cato Institute's National Police Misconduct Reporting Project.

A cop in Plano, TX was arrested twice within a 3 week period for indecency with a child and possession of child porn.

We also <u>reported</u> on an officer in charge of a rape case who is accused of stalking and sexually harassing the victim.

Oklahoma made <u>headlines</u> with *three* serial rapists, in 3 weeks, all officers, as well as one police chief molesting children. Officer Daniel Holtzclaw was one of the worst serial rapists of all time and he was given authority over innocent people.

An 'Officer of the Month' <u>brutally raped a young woman on the hood of his car, at gunpoint.</u> He was later found not guilty after he merely claimed that the girl was asking for it.

A <u>former New York Police Department officer convicted</u> of planning to kidnap and rape women before killing and eating them was set to go free after a federal judge overturned his conviction.

Or how about the police officer that was found guilty of raping a girl with a pencil —  $\underline{\text{she}}$  was 5.