



## Former Rockford paramedic sentenced to 15 years for sexual exploitation

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GRAND RAPIDS -- A former Rockford Ambulance paramedic was sentenced this afternoon to 15 years in prison for sexually assaulting a teenager and taking explicit photos of the boy.

Louis Kalozi last spring [took the teen on a trip](#) to Hammond, Ind., where he took advantage of the him, authorities say.

When the teenager's mother found out Kalozi had molested her son, she confronted him. Kalozi "made a dramatic exit" and said he would kill himself. Police eventually arrested Kalozi for a gun charge, sexual assault and child pornography.

During a police search of Kalozi's computer, investigators found child pornography and surreptitious images of the undressed victim.

In a sentencing memorandum, the defense said Kalozi, 48, had been molested as an 11-year-old by a church janitor over the course of a year. He never reported the abuse or received treatment.

"... Mr. Kalozi has committed crimes which are all too common for victims of sexual abuse. He understands the seriousness of his conduct and the fact that he now will be punished with a lengthy prison term," attorney Scott Graham wrote.

The government told U.S. District Judge Janet Neff that Kalozi deserved a long sentence.

"Although the defendant may have redeeming characteristics and may have had a difficult childhood, ... the crimes of transporting a minor across state lines to engage in sexual activity and production of child pornography, indicate a serious problem and a danger to others," Assistant U.S. Attorney Julie Woods said.

"The defendant and other similarly situated individuals must be taught through severe sentences of incarceration that the sexual victimization of children will not be tolerated," she said.

Once he is released from prison, Kalozi will be on supervised release for 10 years.

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