

Change of plea in electronic solicitation case

(KNZA)--A St. Joseph man has pleaded no contest in Brown County District Court to a charge of electronic solicitation of a child.

70-year-old William Buehler entered the plea Monday to the felony charge.

Sentencing was set for May 7th.

Buehler had originally pleaded not guilty in December and a pre-trial hearing had been set in the case.

He was arrested in July following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

Buehler was convicted of communicating through the internet with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl between May 1st and July 10th in effort to commit or submit to an unlawful sex act. However, Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says Buehler was actually communicating with an undercover officer with the Hiawatha Police Department's cyber crime unit.

When Buehler arrived in Hiawatha at a pre-arranged meeting place to meet with the supposed 14-year-old girl he was instead met by officers and arrested.

Buehler remains in the Brown County Jail on a \$150,000 bond.

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