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## Holden man gets probation in prostitution sting

**BY MELISSA MCKEON**

A Holden man admitted to soliciting for prostitution in Leominster District Court Thursday and received three months' probation after a Craigslist.org request for a prostitute was answered by an undercover Holden police officer.

David F. Bradley, 58, of 419 Wachusett St., pleaded guilty on March 25 and was given three months' probation by Judge Mark E. Noonan in court, but only after his attorney outlined the far more serious consequences for Bradley's personal life after his arrest on Feb. 25.

Attorney Walter Rojcewicz Jr., representing Bradley, told the court Bradley had lost any chance of reconciliation with his former wife, who is in Florida trying to sell their home, and that Bradley's two sons were having difficulty with Bradley's arrest. He has been cut off from seeing his grandchildren and has lost his job as a teaching assistant at Doherty Memorial High School in Worcester. That loss has entailed losing medical coverage as well, Rojcewicz said.

Bradley told the court he suffered from depression and was being medically treated for that condition. He is under the treatment of a psychiatrist.

"He is devastated by this," Rojcewicz said. "He knows he made a mistake. He's trying to make amends to his family."

Rojcewicz said any recommendation the court can make could not be more devastating than the family consequences Bradley is enduring.

Rojcewicz told the court Bradley had been suffering from depression since losing h

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job working with youths in detention in Florida; he lost that job when a hurricane destroyed the detention center where he worked.

Before that, Bradley had worked for 15 years in the admissions department at Beck College in Worcester. He has also worked at New England Tech.

Bradley was arrested Thursday, February 25 in the parking lot of Walgreens on Ma Street in Holden after he arranged via email to meet with a woman who agreed to have sex with him for \$200.

Bradley posted an ad on Craigslist on Jan. 26 asking for someone to “hook up” with him in Holden. Police investigating the ad posed as someone responding to it and began an email correspondence, which progressed to telephone conversations with a female undercover officer. Bradley arranged to meet with the woman, who was to participate in “one hour of passion,” for \$200, in Walgreens’ parking lot, where she would then follow him to his home. When Bradley met the undercover officer in Walgreens’ lot, he was arrested by Holden Police.

He was arraigned in Leominster District Court on Feb. 26 and released on his own recognizance.

Judge Noonan gave Bradley three months of probation. He must stay in counseling and pay a \$50 victim witness fee and a \$50 probation fee.

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