

Ex-minister who molested boy sentenced to work, home

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COLUMBUS, Ind. — A former Christian-education minister has been sentenced to two years of work release and five years of home detention for sexually molesting a boy.

Cameron K. Huffman, 42, who formerly served at Garden City Church of Christ in Columbus, was sentenced Thursday. He had pleaded guilty to five counts of sexually molesting the boy between January and May 1992.

Bartholomew Superior Court Judge Chris Monroe also sentenced Huffman to 10 years of probation and ordered him to undergo counseling and periodic tests. He said the sentence would allow Huffman to continue mixing colors for printing T-shirts, which he does now to support his children.

Monroe said that the damage to the victim, "as yet unknown, is tremendous."

Huffman testified during his sentencing hearing that he molested the boy out of anger and frustration over his deteriorating marriage and not for sexual gratification.

Huffman could have been sentenced to up to 40 years in prison and fined \$50,000.