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Retired Sheriff's Lieutenant Pleads to Obstruction of Justice

A retired Los Angeles County sheriff's lieutenant pleaded no contest today for tipping off a massage parlor employee about upcoming law enforcement raids in exchange for sexual favors, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Smith (dob 8/1/58) pleaded no contest to one count of obstructing and delaying law enforcement and two counts of solicitation of prostitution, all misdemeanors. He was immediately sentenced to 150 hours of community service, placed on summary probation for three years and to stay away from massage parlors and spas.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Greene of the Justice System Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

Smith claimed he would conduct lawful inspections at massage parlors in West Hollywood but admitted to obtaining sex at two of the locations between 2016 and 2017. He deterred law enforcement from investigating locations he frequented, the prosecutor said.

Smith told a massage parlor manager there may be law enforcement officers near the business and advised her she might want to close for the evening, the prosecutor said.

Case BA468544 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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