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Steven A. Breker, 62, of West Fargo was sentenced to 150 days in jail after earlier pleading guilty to one count of solicitation.

Benjamin P. Armstrong-Allason, 20, Fargo, who earlier admitted in court that he tried to hire someone who was 16 or 17 for the purpose of prostitution, was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Both men were ordered to pay more than $1,000 in fees and penalties.

Breker and Armstrong-Allason were among 18 men charged in a sting dubbed “Guardian Angel,” which targeted individuals suspected of going to area hotel looking to hire minors for sex.

The operation involved law enforcement officers placing ads on websites and mobile apps through which contact with suspects was made.

Suspects then showed up at local hotels expecting to find minors to have sex with, according to officials who organized the operation.