

Sioux Falls man pleads guilty in Marshall sex sting

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MARSHALL — A Sioux Falls man arrested as part of a prostitution sting in Marshall in October has pleaded guilty in Lyon County District Court, court records said.

Court records said George Everett Scott Croucher, 29, pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges of hiring or agreeing to hire a minor for prostitution. A criminal complaint said Croucher responded to an online advertisement posted by an undercover agent posing as a 15-year-old girl, and arranged to meet the agent at a location in Marshall.

At Tuesday's hearing, the court ordered a pre-sentencing investigation and a psychosexual evaluation for Croucher. A sentencing hearing was set for July 16.

Croucher was one of three men arrested in Marshall as part of an undercover operation conducted by Marshall Police, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, The Brown/Lyon/Redwood/Renville Drug and Human Trafficking Task Force, and the East Metro Human Trafficking Task Force. Todd Mykle Roberts, 47, of Marshall, and David Kent Onken, 56, of Hadley, each pleaded guilty to earlier this year to charges of hiring a minor for prostitution.

Lyon County court records said Roberts received a stay of imposition of sentence, and 10 years supervised probation, with conditions including that he serve 75 days in jail, complete 120 hours of Sentenced to Service, have no contact with minor females without approval from a probation agent and does not access the internet without approval from probation.

Onken also received a stay of imposition of sentence and 10 years supervised probation, court records said. Conditions of Onken's probation included that he serve 60 days in jail, have no contact with minor females without approval from a probation agent and does not access the internet without approval from probation.