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## Jehovah's Witness tried to entice boy, 11, into having sex

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A Jehovah's Witness who tried to get an 11-year-old boy to have sex with him turned himself in to police after being told to by counsellors.



Cambridge Crown Court heard Kirk Lefcovitch, 25, had repeatedly asked the child to perform sexual acts, as well as handing him pornography and sex toys.

Despite his admissions, and previous convictions against a boy aged 8 in 2000, he was spared jail.

Sara Walker, prosecuting, said: "In December last year Mr Lefcovitch asked the 11-year-old to expose himself, and the boy refused.

"The defendant then offered to show the boy his privates, to which the boy replied that he didn't want to see it.

"He then showed the victim some porn and told him he wanted to have sex with him.

"There were occasions when the two spoke on the phone, and Mr Lefcovitch also made inappropriate comments then."

The court heard that Lefcovitch had made a full confession to police, who were previously unaware of the incident, after being advised to do so by a counsellor at Cambridge's Centre 33 – an organisation which gives advice to young people aged up to 25.

Georgina Gibbs, mitigating, said: "It is a very rare occurrence for an offender of this type to put themselves at risk and report themselves.

"The defendant has been receiving help from Centre 33 and his Jehovah's Witness group.

"He is trying to go down a different course in his life. He has thrown away all his porn and has been deliberately excluding himself from activities which could have him in close proximity to youngsters."

Lefcovitch, of The Brook, Sutton, was described in a pre-sentence report as a serious risk to children.

He has a previous conviction from 2000 for a string of sexual assaults on an 8-year-old boy.

Judge Anthony Bate said: "There was clearly an intention for the offence with the 11-year-old to go further than it did, but the prison sentences suggested in my guidelines would not be long enough for you to complete a sex offender's course in prison."

Judge Bate instead ordered Lefcovitch to take part in the Thames Valley Programme, which is a community sex offender group work course.

Lefcovitch was also made the subject of a 3-year community order with supervision requirements, and he must pay £400 court costs.

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