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## Ex-FBI man gets 7 years for child sex

**Former FBI analyst sentenced in child sex case**

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A 17-year veteran of the FBI will serve seven years in prison for having sexual relations with a young girl in Spotsylvania County, a judge ruled yesterday.

Anthony John Lesko, 44, entered an Alford plea yesterday in Spotsylvania Circuit Court to nine counts of felony indecent liberties upon a child.

Lesko, who later moved to Jacksonville, Fla., worked as an intelligence analyst at the FBI for 17 years, according to his attorney, James A. Carter II. He is a major in the U.S. Army Reserves and has received numerous military awards.

An Alford plea means Lesko doesn't admit guilt but believes there is enough evidence for a conviction. Under the terms of the plea, he was sentenced to seven years in prison with another 15 years suspended.

Lesko engaged in a sex act with a girl, 9 and 10 at the time, at least nine times in 2003-2004, according to evidence put forth by Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney William Neely.

The girl told a member of the Spotsylvania Department of Social Services about the activity in February 2004, according to the evidence. Lesko at first denied the allegations, but later spoke with a U.S. Navy counselor about them.

Lesko told the counselor that he was the victim of the sexual assault; he said the girl initiated the contact, according to the plea. Lesko entered the plea partly to spare the girl the pain of a trial, his attorney said.

Lesko is married with two sons. His wife asked Circuit Judge Ann Hunter Simpson to allow Lesko to delay reporting to prison until June 1 so he could sell their Florida house.

Simpson denied the request, and Lesko went to jail after yesterday's hearing.

In addition to serving the prison time, Lesko will have to pay up to \$10,000 in restitution to the girl's parents to cover the cost of her mental-health counseling.

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**RESPONSE TO ONE SIDED** (posted by [concerned1](#) , Sep. 25, 2007 2:41 pm) **0 likes**

You have to be kidding. The man is a piece of trash. Who ever heard of a 9 year old of probably 90 pounds forcing an army reserve major and an FBI agent to have sex. How did she do it, overpower him? His statement that he was the victim shows he has some screws loose. Anyone of his age that would even consider such an act should be taken out hanged and quartered. If you belive he was a victim you are showing your own ignorance and indiference to the protection of children from such sleezes as John Lesko

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**ONE SIDED IS WRONG** (posted by [concerned1](#) , Sep. 25, 2007 2:41 pm) **0 likes**

Multivon2 you don't know what you are talking about. The man is guilty without a doubt. He is also a coward and a predator. This I know to be factual. You are completely wrong and have no idea of what happed. I think you had better get your information together before making such stupid statements.

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**"SEX WITH A CHILD"** (posted by [MsKim](#) , Sep. 25, 2007 2:41 pm) **0 likes**

This is called rape pure and simple! I have a child (now an adult) who was raped a few years younger. They always claim the child asked for it. Bull S\*\*\*! My now adult child still suffers from PTSD as well as other issues. Her attacker also claimed an alford plea and in PWC they gave him time served after 3 months! Prosecutors did not want her subjected to his denials. That is the only reason we agreed to this plea. Allowing these attackers this type of leniency is ridiculous and criminal injustice!

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**ONE SIDED** (posted by [Muttivon2](#) , Sep. 25, 2007 2:41 pm) **0 likes**

I wish somebody would get some of the facts straight, because I know that not everything in this article is correct and is coming from the prosecutors side. How about confirming them with the other side too. And not only just from the Lawyers, because they will tell you one thing and what the actual people involved have been told is something totally different or have asked for something different. In this case I know what I'm talking about. His family is getting totally