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FORMER DOC OFFICER SENTENCED TO PROBATION

A former New Jersey Department of Corrections Officer was sentenced to three years of probation, Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renée Robeson announced.

Ronald Coleman, 43, of Bethlehem Township, PA, was sentenced by Hunterdon County Superior Court Judge Angela F. Borkowski on February 4. He pleaded guilty to one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual contact on December 16, 2021.

In addition to probation, Coleman must forfeit his pension, employment with the Department of Corrections, and any future employment with the State of New Jersey. Coleman will be required to undergo a psychosexual evaluation and is prohibited from any contact with the victim.

The charges were a result of a joint investigation conducted by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Special Victims Unit and Department of Corrections Special Investigations Division. Coleman was employed as a Senior Correction Officer at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Union Township when he touched the intimate body part of an inmate for his own sexual gratification while he had supervisory and disciplinary power over the inmate.

Former Assistant Prosecutor Kelly Daniels and Assistant Prosecutor Tina DiFranco represented the state.

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