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Local Briefs Man pleads guilty to sex crimes

The Associated Press

SAPULPA, Okla. (AP) -- A man accused of sex crimes involving two young children has agreed to plead guilty to nine felony counts in an agreement that involves two life sentences plus 20 years in prison, a Creek County prosecutor says.

Assistant District Attorney Pamela Hammers said John Perry Sanger agreed to the deal in the case involving two alleged victims from Stroud. He waived his right to a jury trial Monday and is expected to enter a formal plea on March 29, Hammers said Tuesday.

Sanger, 53, is charged with three counts of rape by instrumentation and two counts each of lewd molestation, two counts of indecent exposure and two counts of lewd acts against a child younger than 16. The alleged victims were a 9-year-old boy and his 12-year-old sister, both of whom attended his church.

Sanger pleaded innocent Oct. 15, two weeks after authorities recovered truckloads of alleged child pornography from his home.

He remains in the Creek County Jail in lieu of \$850,000 bail.