

Taylor Put On Probation For Encounter With Girl, 16

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NEW CITY, N.Y. (AP) — Lawrence Taylor, a Hall of Fame Giants linebacker, was sentenced Tuesday to six years of probation for an encounter with an underage girl last year.

Taylor pleaded guilty in January to sexual misconduct and having sex with a 16-year-old he thought was a prostitute. He must register as a sex offender, but a hearing on the terms was delayed until April 12.



Lawrence Taylor

The girl, now 17, appeared at court with a lawyer and told reporters she thought Taylor, 52, should have gone to jail. She denied being a prostitute and said a man she called Rasheed forced her to go to Taylor's hotel room in Montebello, N.Y., on May 6 by punching her in the face.

The girl, who has been identified in court only as C. F., said she thought Taylor could see how young she was and that she had been beaten.

She added, "I did what he told me to do because I was afraid what would happen if I didn't."

The other man has been identified in a federal prosecution in Manhattan as Rasheed Davis, who is accused of acting as a pimp and of assaulting her and taking her to Taylor's room. Prosecutors said Taylor had helped them in that case.

Taylor was arrested at the hotel after the girl's uncle contacted the police. Taylor was charged with third-degree rape because she was under age.

When he pleaded guilty to the lesser charges, Taylor admitted having intercourse with the girl. He said that she told him that she was 19, but that he now knew that she was 16 and legally incapable of consent. He said he paid her \$300.