



Ex-Byram Hills coach gets probation for secretly videotaping girls

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Quentin Lindsey's voice barely rose above a whisper in Westchester County Court yesterday as he admitted to illegally videotaping girls at Byram Hills High School, where he worked as a gym teacher and baseball coach.

Lindsey, 34, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of second-degree unlawful surveillance. The guilty plea covers videotaping that occurred between Jan. 1 and June 1, 2007.

Lindsey will serve no jail time but will be placed on modified sex-offender probation for a year.

If he follows the terms of his probation, he will serve another five years on sex-offender probation but not have to register as a sex offender.

If he violates any part of his probation, Westchester Judge Jeffrey Cohen said, he will go to jail.

"That is my promise," Cohen told him. "It is going to be this court's discretion."

The charge of unlawful surveillance carries a maximum sentence of four years in state prison.

Lindsey, a Sleepy Hollow resident and former Lakeland High School baseball star, resigned from his teaching job this week and must surrender his teaching license within 30 days.

He had been on paid leave from his positions as teacher and varsity baseball coach at Byram Hills since shortly after his arrest.

Lindsey was originally accused of videotaping girls secretly and illegally with a camera concealed in a backpack between 2004 and 2007. Police said he recorded "the sexual or other intimate parts under the clothing being worn by numerous female students."

Lindsey, who had worked at the school since 2003, was barred from appearing on school property or contacting Byram Hills faculty, students or parents.

He must appear before the judge on Jan. 13 to show he is complying with his probation, which prohibits him from owning a camera or any videotaping equipment.

Unlike others on sex-offender probation, Lindsey can visit playgrounds and other places where children frequent as long as he has an adult chaperone. He can have alcohol but cannot abuse it.

Assistant District Attorney Fredric I. Green said the outcome of the case was "appropriate" for Lindsey, who had no prior criminal record.

Staff writer Elizabeth Ganga contributed to this report.

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