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Lewd texts to women land man in jail

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A former Idaho Department of Health and Welfare worker will spend 10 days in jail for sending lewd texts to four different women.

Larry D. Dillman Jr., 41, was sentenced Thursday to 180 days in jail with 170 days suspended on four counts of use of a telephone to harass or offend, all misdemeanors, and one count of misdemeanor trespass of privacy.

Four of the charges arose from text messages Dillman reportedly sent to four women from January to June 2009. Nez Perce County Magistrate Court documents charged Dillman used his personal cell phone to send messages that "used obscene, lewd or profane language, and or made requests, suggestions and/or proposals which were obscene, lewd or lascivious or indecent."

The remaining count charged Dillman peered over the top of a dividing wall inside a Lewiston Orchards beauty salon while a woman was tanning nude last summer.

None of the women Dillman sent messages to were present at Thursday's hearing. Dillman did not speak during the hearing except to acknowledge he understood the sentence handed down by Magistrate Judge Jeff P. Payne.

Payne's sentence followed the terms of a plea agreement Dillman entered into last month that called for the dismissal of an additional five charges involving lewd text messages allegedly sent to five other women.

Dillman will serve two five-day stints in the Nez Perce County Jail on the remaining charges, and pay approximately \$1,377 in fines and court costs. The judge did deviate from the plea agreement in one respect, extending the time period Dillman spends on probation from one year to two years.

The judge granted Dillman a withheld judgment in the case, meaning the charge could be removed from his record if he successfully completes his probation. Payne added he could also impose the full 170-day suspended sentence if Dillman violates his probation.

Dillman worked in the child support unit of Lewiston's office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare from 2004 until July. The agency has not said why Dillman no longer works for the state agency.

Prior to working for the state, Dillman was a court officer at the Nez Perce County Courthouse.

Dillman was represented by Lewiston attorney Robert Kwate.