

Ex-Ottawa County attorney sentenced for sexual bribes

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OTTAWA COUNTY, Okla. (KOAM) - A Joplin man and former attorney in Oklahoma gets prison time for trading sexual favors for legal help.

A judge on Wednesday gave Daniel Giraldi two and a half years in federal prison and 3 years supervised probation after he's released. Last year, Giraldi entered a plea deal in the case.

Authorities say Daniel Giraldi sought sexual favors from defendants in exchange for favorable treatment in court proceedings.

Per the stipulations in the plea agreement, Giraldi will relinquish and forfeit his Oklahoma Bar License and never apply for reinstatement to the Oklahoma Bar. The US Attorney's Office states he will also never hold any public office nor any position of public trust within the state of Oklahoma.

Charges

Federal prosecutors originally filed the following charges against Giraldi in 2022.

- Bribery of a public official
- Interstate travel in aid of racketeering
- Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- Use of a communication facility in furtherance of drug trafficking

In the plea agreement, Giraldi, pleaded guilty to:

- one count of possession of Oxycodone with intent to distribute (Count 1)
- and four counts of honest services fraud(Counts 14-17).

“The citizens of Ottawa County entrusted Daniel Giraldi to represent them ethically and transparently,” said FBI Oklahoma City Special Agent in Charge Edward Gray. “In a reprehensible misuse of public trust, he exploited his position and undermined the integrity of the District Attorney’s Office. The FBI stands firm with our law enforcement partners in rooting out all forms of public corruption, no matter the person, position, or purpose.”

Case History

Prior to working in the DA's office, Giraldi worked for a private law firm. He allegedly started accepting sexual favors from women in exchange for helping others facing criminal charges and as payment for services rendered.

Court documents lay out information gathered with the help of an FBI informant.

According to the probable cause, Giraldi was helping the informant with her child custody case in Ottawa County. Through a series of text messages, Giraldi and the informant talked about their past sexual encounters.

The two met at the informant's home in Quapaw. That's where court documents show Giraldi was planning to bring Xanax and in turn have sex with the informant.

After pulling out a bag of illegal pills, FBI agents entered the room and arrested Giraldi.

Giraldi made his first court appearance on April 25, 2022. He bonded out on a \$10,000 bond.

The 44-year-old man worked in the District Attorney's Office for District 13, which includes Ottawa and Delaware Counties.

What Giraldi Admitted in Plea Agreement

In the plea agreement, Giraldi admitted that on April 19, 2022, he carried and possessed Oxycodone with intent to distribute. Giraldi had texted a defendant approximately a week earlier and agreed to bring the drug when the two rendezvoused for sex.

According to the US Attorney's Office, Giraldi further admitted to defrauding the citizens of Oklahoma and the Ottawa County District Attorney's Office of their right to honest and faithful services that he owed to them as an Assistant District Attorney, stating that he took bribes in exchange for corrupt official acts that benefitted defendants.

Specifically, he stated that he would receive something of value, including sexual acts with multiple women, in exchange for favorable treatment that included reduction of bond amounts on criminal defendants, the dismissal of traffic violations, and other corrupt actions.

The US Attorney's Office states the crimes occurred from approximately February 2019 through April 19, 2022.



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AO 91 (Rev. 03/09) Criminal Complaint

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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Mark C. McCartt, Clerk
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of Oklahoma

United States of America
v.

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Case No. 22-MJ-259-JJ

DANIEL THOMAS GIRALDI

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of April 12, 2022 until April 20, 2022 in the county of Ottawa in the
Northern District of Oklahoma, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section
18 U.S.C. § 201(b)(2)
18 U.S.C. § 1952(a)(3)(A)
21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C),
and (b)(2)
21 U.S.C. § 843(b)

Offense Description
Bribery of a public official
Interstate travel in aid of racketeering
Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
Use of a communication facility in furtherance of drug trafficking

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit

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Complainant's signature

Special Agent, Tate L. Turnbo, FBI
Printed name and title

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me by phone.

Date: 4-25-22

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Judge Signature

Judge's signature

City and state: Tulsa, OK

Jodi F. Jayne, United States Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

Printed name and title