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Driving instructor sentenced to probation

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The Buffalo Grove driving instructor accused of soliciting a Vernon Hills girl during a driving lesson pleaded guilty this week to a lesser charge.

Leo Gutkin, 61, of the 200 block of Old Oak Court, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a single count of misdemeanor battery. He is required to serve 24 months probation and must complete 100 hours of community service.

Gutkin was charged with solicitation of a juvenile last October, after the 16-year-old student complained that he talked to her about getting her a job in an erotic massage parlor, while the two drove along Route 60.

According to court documents, the misdemeanor battery charge stems from him touching her leg during the instruction.