

Teacher guilty of having sex with students

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FORT PROVIDENCE, Northwest Territories - A former Fort Providence, Canada, teacher was given a 14-month prison sentence after being convicted of having sex with three underage students.

The girls that Marvin Lizotte, 36, reportedly had sex with were between the ages of 14 and 16 at the time, CBC reported Friday.

The Northwest Territory man also was ordered to spend one year on probation when he was sentenced in Mackenzie River, where he taught gym class until 2002.

The judge said Lizotte had shown a complete disregard for his impact on the victims in the case.

All three of the former students are still receiving counseling for the incidents, said the CBC.

"A clear message has to be sent both to the victims and communities, such as Fort Providence, but most importantly, to this accused and other persons in authority, that any inclination to abuse a position of authority like this will be dealt with severely," said prosecutor John Macfarlane, who has asked for jail time because anything less wouldn't have reflected the seriousness of Lizotte's crimes, the CBC reported.

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