

## Al Gore III agrees to enter drug program

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LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. -- Al Gore III, son of former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, agreed to join a drug-diversion program as part a guilty plea to California drug charges. The younger Gore pleaded guilty Monday to five counts of drug possession, two of which were felonies but could have those charges dropped completely if he successfully completes the nine-month program, the Los Angeles Times reported. Orange County, Calif., Sheriff's deputies allegedly found various medications along with a misdemeanor amount of marijuana in Gore's car during a July 4 traffic stop. Among the medications allegedly found in Gore's car were Valium, Xanax and Vicodin, none of which Gore had prescriptions for. The 24-year-old was pulled over by the deputies for allegedly driving nearly 100 mph on Interstate 5. The Times said Gore previously completed a substance-abuse counseling program as part of a settlement for a 2003 arrest for marijuana possession.

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