

Youth pastor pleads guilty to sexually assaulting boy

A Thornhill youth pastor pleaded guilty Thursday to sexually assaulting a 15-year-old boy last year.

Roscoe Lim, 27, who conducted Bible study and prayer groups with youths in the Chinese Christian community and met the boy at a church function, will serve 14 months in prison and another three on probation for sexual assault and Internet luring.

The man frequented Chinese churches in Markham and Scarborough throughout last summer, organizing meetings with youths.

He was not employed by any church at the time, according to child abuse unit officers, but previously worked as a

youth pastor and was still identifying himself as such.

After making contact with the boy and getting his e-mail address, the pastor chatted with him over the Internet and made arrangements to meet.

The boy told police he was inappropriately touched during private spiritual counselling sessions.

In an agreed statement of facts, the pastor admitted blindfolding the boy, tying his hands and feet and fondling him while videotaping the incident, child abuse unit officers confirmed Friday.

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