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David Bruckner Photo: Gil Yohanan

Haredi entertainer convicted of indecent acts

Jerusalem court convicts David Bruckner after he offers boy free CD, money to come with him then committed sexual assault

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The Jerusalem Magistrates Court on Tuesday convicted haredi entertainer David Bruckner of indecent acts against a 12-year-old boy.

Bruckner was [arrested in January 2010](#) over suspicions that he committed indecent acts against a 12-year-old. At the end of the investigation into the case he was indicted for four counts of indecent acts.

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The indictment reveals that Bruckner took advantage of his status and popularity: Offering the 12-year-old to accompany him to synagogue and promising him that when they got there he would give the child a free CD. When in fact they arrived at their destination Bruckner committed the indecent acts. He then sexually assaulted the child three more times at his apartment.

After committing the acts he gave the child a CD and NIS 20 (\$6) – and warned him not to tell anyone what occurred between them. The next day the child once again came to Bruckner's apartment and received NIS 200 (\$60) from him as hush money.

Bruckner admitted to meeting the child and admitted that the child visited his home but denied the charges and claimed that there was no sexual contact involved.

Judge Gad Ernberg rejected his version of the events and convicted him. Bruckner's sentence will be given later in the trial.

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