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ELGIN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO IDENTITY THEFT

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An Elgin man has pleaded guilty for unlawfully accessing a subordinate co-worker's email account without permission.

Robert Beeter, 53 (d.o.b. 10-14-1961) of Elgin, today agreed to a sentence of two years' probation and other terms in exchange for a guilty plea to identity theft, a Class 3 felony.

Circuit Judge John A. Barsanti accepted the plea.

Prosecutors presented evidence that 13 times in August 2010, Beeter used the victim's personal email log-in and password to access the victim's personal and password protected email account without the victim's knowledge or consent.

As a condition of the plea, Beeter must complete 50 hours of community service, pay a total of \$1,130 in costs and fines, have no contact with the victim and the victim's associates, and submit his smart phone and computer upon cause for forensic examinations to ensure that he is not using them to engage in unlawful activity.

Beeter has been free on \$2,500 bond since his arrest in May 2013.

"Our thanks to Chief Jeff Swoboda and to the outstanding and professional men and women of the Elgin Police Department for their full cooperation during this investigation, as well as to Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Bill Engerman, who prosecuted this case," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.