

DEAL ALLOWS WIRK PERSONALITY TO TAKE

ANGER MANAGEMENT, PARENTING CLASSES

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WIRK radio personality and program director Mitch Mahan, arrested recently on one count of alleged child abuse on his teenage stepdaughter, agreed Monday morning to enter a 12-month pre-trial intervention program, which includes 12 weeks of anger management and parenting classes.

According to a court record, Mahan was bound to sign the contract cinching the deal within a week. If Mahan, 45, successfully completes the program and has no new offenses, the charge may be dropped. Mahan's criminal defense attorney, Richard Tendler, declined to comment and said Mahan did as well. Pre-trial intervention is a diversion program for first-time offenders, allowing them to avoid jail time and a conviction on their records if successfully seeking treatment.

Mahan's arrest stemmed from an alleged attack on the teen in February. According to an arrest report, Mahan fought with her after she fought with her younger brother. Mahan placed her in a choke hold at one point and kicked her in the mouth. A friend of the teen first reported the incident to police, according to the report.

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Mitch Mahan (mug)