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## **Man, 60, took his 16-year-old daughter to a strip club where she drank alcohol, took cocaine and danced on stage - but judge lets him off with probation after hearing he is a 'good father for not letting her get tattooed'**

- Jose Manuel Arguelles must serve five years probation under the plea deal
- He admitted to taking his daughter to the Pink Pony club five times
- Arguelles was captured on video drinking with his daughter and her 17-year-old friend at the club's VIP lounge
- Police discovered photos of the one of the girls dancing on stage
- Video also showed the girls dancing on a 'stripper pole' on Arguelles' boat
- Arguelles' lawyer argued he was a good father who drug-tested his daughter and did not let her get tattoos

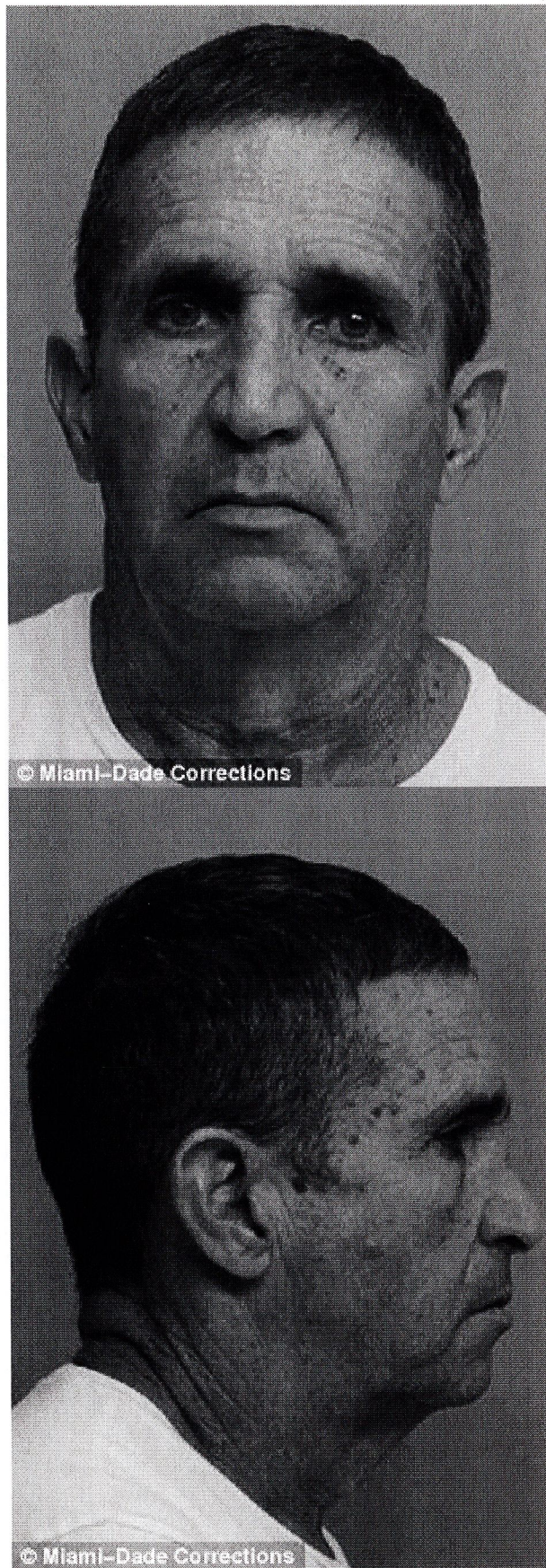
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A Miami man described as a 'very good father' has been given no jail time after he repeatedly took his 16-year-old daughter to party at a strip club and provided her with alcohol.

Jose Manuel Arguelles, 60, must serve five years of probation under a plea deal that was struck Thursday after admitting to taking to his daughter to the Pink Pony five separate times.

Arguelles was captured on video drinking with his daughter and her 17-year-old friend at the VIP lounge of the club in Doral. He pleaded guilty to two counts of providing alcohol to a minor.



**Jose Manuel Arguelles, 60, will serve no jail time after he repeatedly took his 16-year-old daughter to party at the Pink Pony strip club in Doral, Florida last year**



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He pleaded no contest to 10 counts of child abuse and the felony charges, including providing drugs and promoting to sexual performance of a minor, were dropped by prosecutors.

Arguelles will have to remain in his home under a curfew for one year as part of the deal, according to the [Miami Herald](#).



Arguelles (pictured in court) must remain in his home under a curfew for one year as part of the deal

Edward O'Donnell IV, his attorney, said Arguelles had 'obviously made a huge lapse in judgement', which was ironic because he was a 'very good father'.

O'Donnell said Arguelles regularly drug-tested his daughter and would not let her get tattoos.

Police initially claimed that Arguelles, a car body-shop owner and self-described club promoter, had also allowed his daughter and her friend to snort cocaine and dance on the stage at the club.

But it was later discovered that it was the 17-year-old friend, who also visited the club on her own, had been providing some of the drugs to Arguelles' daughter, according to the final report.

Prosecutors said there was 'no evidence' that the father had ever given drugs to either girl.

The investigation first began after the 17-year-old's mother found photos and videos that showed both girls at the club on her daughter's cell phone.

One of the videos showed the two teens dancing on what appeared to be a 'stripper pole' on Arguelles' boat while wearing bikinis, according to the arrest report.

Photos also showed one of the teen's on the Pink Pony's stage, authorities said.

Arguelles was arrested in August and charged with child neglect, delivering a controlled substance to a child and eight counts of sexual performance by a child.

Attorney Chris Mancini had argued to a judge that his client was overcharged.

'Judge, I know this is serious,' he said. 'But dancing on a stripper pole is not simulated sexual intercourse.'

Arguelles had been ordered held on \$45,000 bond and was not allowed to have any contact with his daughter, who he shared custody with his ex-wife, or her friend.

The Pink Pony was also temporarily closed down and given a week to present a case before a magistrate. It has since reopened.

Arguelles' daughter and her friend admitted to police that he had taken the teens to the club several times after she turned 16.

Police said she also admitted to drinking and doing drugs inside the club.



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