

Judge's sentencing under scrutiny

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First Nations' leaders plan to attend next week's sentencing of a former B.C. judge for sex crimes involving aboriginal girls.

David Ramsay has pleaded guilty to sex crimes involving young aboriginal girls who'd appeared before him in Prince George Provincial Court.

Native leaders say they'll gather on the steps of the courthouse to demand justice in the case.

Former First Nations Summit leader Bill Wilson calls Ramsay's crimes "atrocious and racist.

"He repeats what we consider to be a history of abuse by authority – residential schools, priests, nuns – and he's probably going to get away with it."

Wilson says Ramsay deserves 25 year in jail. The Crown is asking for a five-year sentence.

Former Sto:lo chief Ernie Crey whose sister Dawn was one of Vancouver's missing women, is also heading to Prince George.

He says he wants to show aboriginal kids living on the street that their leaders care about them.

"We won't stand by any longer and watch our children exploited and abused," he says.