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Ex-con helps Rockledge teens

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ROCKLEDGE — Ex-convict Larry Lawton and Rockledge police have teamed for a community policing project that aims to keep teens out of jail for minor offenses by giving them DVDs to show them the path they could potentially head down if they continue with their behavior.

The DVDs are part of Lawton's 'Reality Check,' a program he founded last year that uses graphic accounts of the 11 years he spent in federal prison for racketeering to discourage juvenile offenders and at-risk youth from pursuing lives of crime.

The program shows teens and young adults the consequences of bad choices and illegal activity.

Lawton and Rockledge police plan to debut their partnership during a ceremony at 10 a.m. today at police headquarters.
