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DC Chief Cathy Lanier Reacts To Officer Larry Seay's Sex Abuse Indictment

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WASHINGTON, DC (WUSA) — Chief Cathy Lanier says she first heard of the allegations against 3rd District Patrolman Larry Seay in in July 2010. The department immediately revoked Seay's police powers, she says.

Chief Lanier said she is surprised over what happened, but there have been a number of criminal cases against police officers this year.

A neighbor talked to 9 NEWS NOW's Lindsey Mastis about Seay.

"It's just a dream, that's what I'm hoping to hear, that this isn't happening, because he's a nice guy," said Cynthia Montgomery.
Seay is accused of threatening three different women with arrest and then forcing sex acts on them.

"It's unfathomable to think someone with 18 years experience would conduct himself in that manner," Chief Lanier said.
More than a dozen DC police have been in trouble with the law this year. In March, three DC Police officers were charged with buying stolen electronics. Richmond Phillips is charged with murder for the deaths of a 20 year old mother and her 11 month old daughter. In June, Sergeant Aisha Hackley was arrested on allegations of stealing money from an elderly woman.

Chief Lanier said she has not seen Seay's disciplinary file.

[He is still on the payroll.](#)

"Even with an indictment, we can't put them on a non-pay status until we have a conviction," Lanier said.

Chief Lanier said before this incident, she never heard of any problems with Officer Seay.

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