

Perhaps ‘recruiting informants’ was what Runnemede NJ Police Chief James Leason had in mind during his **105 visits to the brothel...**



2004 Chief arrested at alleged brothel Runnemede's (NJ) police chief ... caught in a prostitution sting in Maple Shade

“The longtime chief of the Runnemede Police Department was among those caught in a prostitution sting... at a Maple Shade brothel, police said. James Martin Leason, 56, was arrested... as he left an apartment at the Arbors Apartments on South Lenola Road... Also arrested... were the brothel's madam, two prostitutes and two others. **Leason was charged with misconduct in office and promoting prostitution. The officers who arrested Chief Leason said the chief was a repeat customer -- 105 times to be exact... most of the attention to this case was focused on Chief Leason who has been the police chief in Runnemede since 1987.** Chief Leason, who was charged with misconduct in office and promoting prostitution, was suspended without pay after posting \$5,000 and being released on his own recognizance.

"The mayor and Council are shocked and deeply disappointed by Chief Leason's arrest," the Runnemede solicitor, Michael P. Albana, said in a written statement. **'However, the safety of the residents will not be affected by this incident.'** Combined, the charges carry a maximum of 15 years in prison and \$165,000 in fines.”

How many years had the chief been involved with the madam and her prostitutes? Had he been helping her avoid detection all those years?

What was the outcome? “Leason agreed to pay the maximum \$15,000 fine as well as \$3,500 in restitution to Runnemede as part of a plea agreement with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. In return, a second charge of promoting prostitution was dropped... After his arrest at the brothel, Leason was suspended, and then he retired (with pay) with 31 years of law enforcement service.”

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