

# NY police officer's parole bid denied in sex case

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - A former police officer in suburban Rochester has been denied parole on his conviction of coercing a woman into having sex.

Gary Pignato was sentenced to 2-6 years in prison in 2009 after being convicted of accepting a bribe, coercion and official misconduct.

While on duty in 2008 in the suburb of Greece, Pignato met the woman during a domestic disturbance call. She testified they had sex after he promised not to report her for drinking in violation of her probation.

In a decision released this week, a state Parole panel told Pignato, who's now 52 years old, it worried he would break the law again if he was released.

It was the second time his parole was denied. With good behavior, he could be released in June.

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