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Rick Armstrong said he is fighting his termination from the Raleigh Police Department. He said his exit from the agency has nothing to do with reports he had sexual misconduct with a prostitute. [\(more\)](#)

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**RALEIGH, N.C.** -- A fired Raleigh Police sergeant said he was not terminated because of reports of sexual misconduct with a prostitute.

Rick Armstrong spoke to NBC 17 Thursday night about his termination. He said he received a letter Tuesday informing him he would no longer be working at the department.

"I plan on appealing the decision. The allegations and the charges for the termination against me are not true. My next step is appeal it to the chief of police," he said.



Former Raleigh policeman Rick Armstrong

Neither Armstrong nor Raleigh Police spokesman Jim Sughrue would say why Armstrong was terminated.

"I can't go into detail about the allegations for the fact that I don't want it to taint the appeals process, but I will say it has absolutely nothing to do with prostitution as was indicated in the initial story about my being on leave," Armstrong said.

He was put on administrative leave five months ago. Around that time he said [media reports](#) surfaced that he had sexual misconduct with a prostitute.

"An accusation was that there was sexual misconduct with prostitutes and that simply was not the charge against me and is simply not true," Armstrong said.

"They did not give me a specific reason why I was on administrative leave. They just said you are on administrative leave," he said.

His wife said the administrative leave was for "misconduct."

Armstrong said the allegations surrounding his administrative leave and the termination are not the same.

But the couple anticipated the termination might come.

"We kind of knew the direction this was going and you know, the finality of it was hard but at the same time kind of bittersweet," his wife, Nancy, said.

"It's been hard on our family but I have 100 percent faith in my husband and he's a good man. He's devoted to our family and he was dedicated to his job," she said.

While Armstrong is fighting to reverse the termination, it's unclear whether he would actually want to go back to work with the department.

"I plan on fighting this until my name is cleared and my reputation is cleared," he said.

Armstrong was hired with the [Raleigh Police Department](#) on September 29, 1997 and was assigned to the [Field Operations Division](#).

He is listed on the [Raleigh Police Protective Association](#) website as the President of the organization, though he said he is currently a trustee.

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