

# Ex-Lee police chief faces trial in January

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Lee's former police chief faces trial in January on charges that he stole more than \$50,000 from a charity that buys Christmas gifts for underprivileged children.

Ex-Chief Joseph Buffis is scheduled for trial on charges including extortion, mail fraud and money laundering in U.S. District Court in Springfield starting Jan. 26. He pleaded not guilty and is free on \$100,000 bond.

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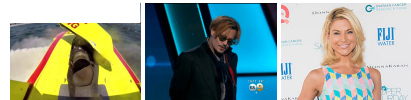
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