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Pierce prosecutor dismisses felony charges against Tacoma police officer

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Aaron James Joseph – once charged with second-degree assault and felony harassment – now faces a single misdemeanor count of harassment, according to court records.

Joseph, 27, can have that charge dismissed if he stays out of trouble for six months and pays related fines and fees, his attorney, Michael Schwartz, said Thursday.

Prosecutors charged Joseph with assault in August 2009 after his wife accused him of putting a gun to her head and threatening to kill her and then himself. They charged him with felony harassment for allegedly threatening to kill a fellow officer he suspected of having an affair with his wife.

Deputy prosecutor Jennifer Hernandez wrote in court documents filed last week that she doesn't believe she can prove the charges at trial.

There is evidence Joseph's wife contacted him "a number of times" in violation of a court order – issued when the criminal case was filed – prohibiting him from contacting her, Hernandez wrote.

"Additionally, the state believes a jury would likely also hear evidence that the two victims in the state's case had an affair during the pendency of this case," the deputy prosecutor wrote.

Schwartz said the felony harassment case was dismissed, while the assault charge was reduced to misdemeanor harassment.

Aaron Joseph filed for divorce in September. That case is not final.

Joseph, suspended after his arrest last summer, remains on paid administrative leave from the police department while Internal Affairs conducts an investigation into the case.

Police Chief Don Ramsdell will review the results of that investigation when they are available.

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