

Ex-police chief has sex crimes erased from record

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Jeremy Alley doesn't want you to know that he was the Elmwood Place Police Chief in 2003.

That's because his 11-day tenure as chief ended when Alley was arrested and ultimately convicted of using public computers on public time to try to solicit sex online from what he thought was a 15-year-old girl. Alley agreed to have sex with her.

Instead, the girl actually was a Hamilton County Sheriff's deputy posing as a teen girl and working to stop sex crimes.

Alley, 37, spent six months behind bars, was on probation for five years and had to report as a sex offender through last year. He applied in April to have his criminal record erased from public inspection but Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Norbert Nadel denied the request, telling Alley to come back when he no longer had to report as a sex offender.

Alley was in court Monday and, despite the protests of Assistant Prosecutor Scott Heenan, the judge granted Alley's request to have his record erased. Heenan told the judge the public's right to know that a police chief who committed sex crimes outweighs Alley's right to privacy.

"He was in a huge position of trust being a police chief," Heenan told the judge. "He violated that trust in about as gross a way as you possibly could."

The judge disagreed and allowed Alley's record to be erased.

Because Alley committed his crimes in 2003, the state law at that time allowed for him to have them erased. Now, the law has changed so those crimes aren't eligible to be erased.

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