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The resignation of Beardstown Police Officer Shane Lisenbee apparently has prompted his bond on charges of sexual misconduct with children to be increased to \$1 million.

Beardstown City Attorney George McClure told the Journal-Courier Monday that Mr. Lisenbee resigned from the police force, effective Feb. 20.

As a result, the city owes Mr. Lisenbee nearly \$27,000 in severance and pension pay.

That amount includes \$8,804.40, for vacation, sick days, compensation hours and personal days accumulated by Mr. Lisenbee, Beardstown City Clerk Brian “Petie” Ruch said. Mr. Lisenbee, a six year veteran of the

police force, also has accumulated pension pay of \$17,921.97, which he has not yet requested, Mr. Ruch said.

Mr. Lisenbee and his wife, Stephanie, face trial in May in Cass County Circuit Court on multiple Class X felony counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of two young children known to them.

Bond was set in January at \$500,000 for Mr. Lisenbee and \$300,000 for Mrs. Lisenbee. Both remain jailed because they have not been able to post the 10 percent in cash required on their bonds.

In Mr. Lisenbee's case, that meant he had to post \$50,000 in cash on his original bond to secure his release from jail. The cash amount now increases to \$100,000.

Mrs. Lisenbee's bond has not been changed, but Cass County State's Attorney John Dahlem last week filed the motion to increase Mr. Lisenbee's bond to \$1 million.

"The defendant has resigned from the Beardstown Police Department and will soon receive a large sum of money as a result," Mr. Dahlem stated in his motion.

"If the defendant was released on the bail presently in effect, he would be a danger to himself and others and would be a substantial flight risk," Mr. Dahlem stated.

Since Mr. Lisenbee's arrest Jan. 11 and the original setting of bail the state has discovered "overwhelming evidence of the defendant's guilt of Class X felony offenses that, upon conviction, mandate a sentence of natural life imprisonment," Mr. Dahlem stated in his motion.

"The nature of the overwhelming evidence involves photographs, videotapes and interviews with the victims," according to the prosecutor's motion.

Circuit Judge Bob Hardwick Thursday increased Mr. Lisenbee's bond after the defendant's court-appointed attorney, Cass County Public Defender Robert Welch, did not object.

"Raising the bond to \$1 million didn't make a whole lot of difference because he wasn't able to post \$500,000," Mr. Welch told the Journal-Courier Monday. "It could be \$500,000 or \$1 million or \$10 million. It doesn't really matter because he doesn't have the money."

Mr. Lisenbee also declined to contest the bail increase because he did not want the evidence to become public prior to his trial, Mr. Welch said.

"We thought it better not to contest the bond because the less evidence that comes out prior to trial would be less harmful to his case," the defense attorney said.

Mr. Lisenbee submitted his resignation when Beardstown Police Chief Tom Schlueter went to the Pike County jail on Feb. 20 to serve him with a notice that the city was filing an administrative complaint requesting the Beardstown Board of Fire and Police Commissioners fire him, according to the city attorney.

"The one count complaint is simply based on his failure to report to duty," Mr. McClure said.

"Notice of any complaint had to be served on him, and a hearing before the Commissioners was tentatively

set for March 6,” the city attorney said. “Mr. Lisenbee simply decided to resign rather than go through an administrative hearing.”

Someone set the couple’s home at 1203 Wall St., Beardstown, on fire early the morning of Feb. 6. The blaze destroyed the house and its contents. The arson is being investigated by the Beardstown Police and Fire departments and the State Fire Marshall’s office, and no arrests have been made.

Chief Schlueter said the house was insured, but declined to say what the amount of coverage is.

Mr. McClure said Monday that he is unaware of any insurance payments being made to the Lisenbees. Insurance carriers do not typically make those payments until after arson investigations have been concluded, he said.

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