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Former Waterbury police Lt. Robert Kennedy shown in police booking photo May, 2007.

Ex-cop who assaulted boy to be released

Parole board frees Robert Kennedy

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Waterbury, Conn. (AP) - A former Waterbury police lieutenant will be released from prison after serving only half his three-year sentence for sexually assaulting a 15-year-old boy.

A parole board on Thursday approved early release for 48-year-old Robert Kennedy, who is set to be freed on July 9 after serving 18 months in prison.

Kennedy, who was a Waterbury officer for 12 years, was among seven men with whom the boy said he engaged in sex acts in 2007, sometimes for money. None were accused of using force, but the boy was one year below Connecticut's age of consent.

The teen said he and Kennedy engaged in oral sex.

Kennedy, who is openly gay, told the parole board that the teen gave him many compliments, and he succumbed to the flattery in what he called "a type of gay, mid-life crisis."

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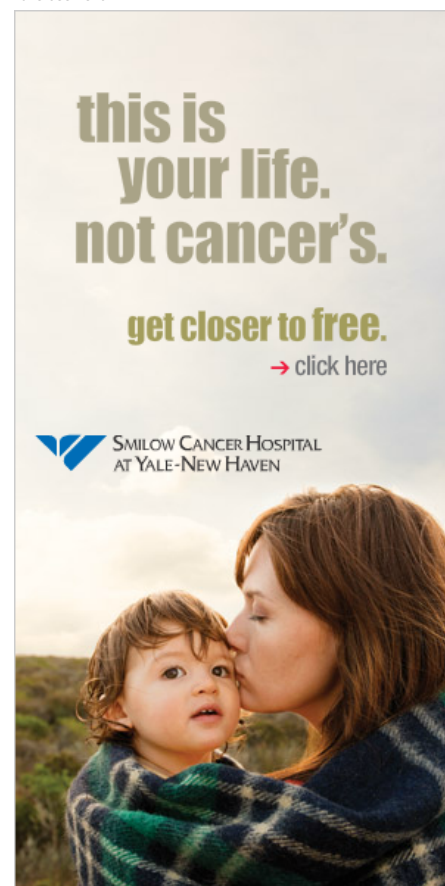
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