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Sgt David Schauwecker Being Investigated for Child Porn

The Rutland police officer at the center of a Vermont State Police child pornography investigation is Sgt. David Schauwecker, according to a Rutland Herald report.

No one has been charged in the case. The Vermont State Police disclosed last week that they do not have sufficient evidence to prove the child pornography found on a laptop computer was downloaded intentionally by the officer involved.

The Herald said it determined Schauwecker was the officer based on a review of city payroll records that showed Schauwecker was the only Rutland police officer to receive administrative leave pay for the week ending Feb. 6.

Rutland Police Chief Anthony Bossi said last week that the officer who was the subject of the investigation was placed on administrative leave during that week. He was unavailable for comment Monday.

The name of the officer involved was redacted from a court affidavit connected to a search warrant; the documents were unsealed last week by Judge Thomas Zonay at the request of the Herald.

Zonay had intended to release unredacted versions of the paperwork Friday, but an attorney for the officer blocked the release by appealing Zonay's decision to the Vermont Supreme Court.

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"Any time a law enforcement officer is accused of tarnishing the badge, it is an embarrassment to all the honest, hard-working members of this profession who work day in and day out to protect and serve with integrity."

"I'm sickened by this officer's betrayal of the badge. We cannot let one single act by one officer overshadow the brave work by men and women who wear the uniform and put themselves in harm's way everyday to protect our families and our neighborhoods."

"We have to be held accountable for our actions," said Police Chief John Ewing. "Just because we wear a badge, it doesn't mean we can break the law. We need to treat our police officers like someone who was walking down the street who may commit

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