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Deposition: Cops conversation with '14-year-old' turned sexual within minutes

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The conversation between Troy Sgt. Pat Rosney and a detective from the New York City Police Department posing as a 14-year-old girl became sexual in nature within 15 minutes, according to a deposition given by the detective.

On May 15, at 3:35 p.m., Det. Sean Ryan wrote he was working undercover when he received an instant message from Rosney, who was using the screen name joejazzus1@aol.com.

“The defendant asked what I looked like and acting in my undercover persona I informed him I was 14 and living in Queens and within 15 minutes of initiating the conversation the defendant wrote: ‘LOL ... what have you done with guys? ... Sex? ... MMMMMM.’”

The rest of that conversation is too lurid for publication, but Ryan said Rosney did ask to “meet to have sex.”

Two days later at approximately 5:33 p.m. Ryan said he was again working undercover when Rosney sent an instant message, with lurid detail, asking to meet for “oral and sexual intercourse.”

Towards the end of that conversation, Ryan said Rosney asked to “look at his cam,” meaning he wanted to send video messages. Ryan said he could only do that on Yahoo Messenger and Rosney gave his screen name as joejazzus13, and sent a friend request on that service.

Later on May 17, at about 10:30 p.m., Ryan pretending to be the 14-year-old girl, got on Yahoo Messenger and entered into a video conversation with Rosney.

“During the instant message conversation, the defendant turned on his webcam and I was able to see his face as well as his penis,” Ryan wrote in the deposition. “He was wearing a ‘Crabby Dicks’ T-Shirt and blue pajama pants.”

The text accompanying the images, according to Ryan’s deposition, cannot be printed.

It could not be determined Monday whether or not Rosney was working at the TPD during any of times and dates he was chatting with the detective.

According to Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, Rosney had set up a meeting with the “14-year-old” for June 5. But rather than wait until the meeting detectives from the NYPD came up to Troy and arrested Rosney at the Troy police station as he was getting ready for work. He is charged him with four counts of felony attempted dissemination of indecent material of minors and a misdemeanor charge of endangering the welfare of a child.

If they had waited until Rosney attempted to follow through with the meeting, the charge would be significantly more serious.

“It was a safety issue,” said Helen Peterson, deputy director of communications for Brown’s office to why they didn’t wait until Rosney attempted to meet with the undercover detective. “Every situation is different and the NYPD made a decision and they didn’t want to compromise the safety of the officer of the public.”

Rosney was suspended without pay for 30 days Friday and relieved of his badge and service revolver. He posted bail of \$30,000 over the weekend and is slated to be back in Queens for a court appearance on June 15.

Several computers were confiscated from his East Greenbush home after he was arrested.

His attorney, Dan Russo, of Mineloa in Nassau County, could not be reached for comment.

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