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Sgt. Patrick Rosney to retire, collect pension

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TROY — The 26-year veteran police officer who recently made headlines for allegedly soliciting a minor for sex over the Internet has filed for retirement, according to city officials.

The City of Troy and its police department received notification from the New York State Office of the Comptroller that Sgt. Patrick Rosney has submitted papers for his retirement. This comes nearly two weeks after Rosney was arrested by the New York Police Department on of four counts of first degree attempted dissemination of indecent material to minors, a felony, and attempted endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor. When Rosney thought he was talking to a 14-year-old girl on both AOL and Yahoo instant messengers, he was actually chatting with NYPD Det. Sean Ryan.

Capt. John Cooney said the department had been notified of Rosney's imminent retirement and expects him to be off the payroll at the end of the month.

According to Eric Sumberg, a spokesperson for the NYS Comptroller's Office, Rosney will be able to collect his pension, explaining that there is not a pension forfeiture law that would apply to this situation. While the Public Integrity Reform Act of 2011, passed by the state legislature and signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, included pension forfeiture, it does not apply to Rosney because he entered the pension system before the law was enacted.

City Spokesman Mike Fraser said Rosney's base pay was \$68,000 and, including overtime, he made approximately \$89,000 last year.

Rosney is currently out on bail but is expected to return to court in Queens on Friday, according to Meris Campbell, spokeswoman for the office of Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

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