



Serving Troy and its surrounding communities



[News](#)

VIDEOS: Sgt. Patrick Rosney's arrest 'deeply disturbing'

Published: Saturday, June 02, 2012



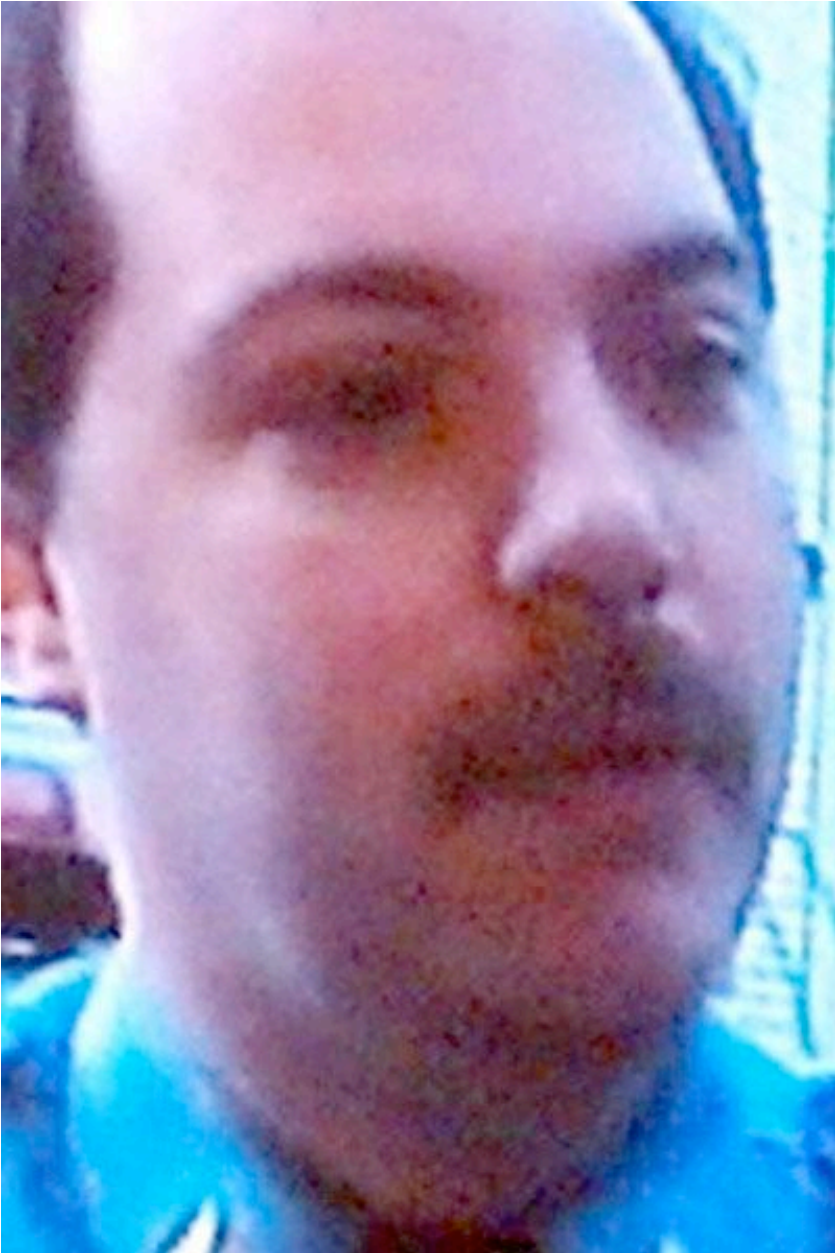
0



[8](#)

More Photos

Click thumbnails to enlarge



By Andrew Beam
abeam@troyrecord.com
[Twitter.com/beam_record](https://twitter.com/beam_record)



[Click to enlarge](#)

TROY — A 26-year veteran of the Troy Police Department was arrested by New York City Police Friday for sending sexually explicit images to a person whom he thought was an underage girl.

Sgt. Pat Rosney was arrested at the Troy Police station without incident, according to Chief John Tedesco. He was in police uniform but was afforded the opportunity to change, Tedesco added.

Rosney, who is married with children, has been charged with first-degree attempted dissemination of indecent material to minors, a felony, and attempted endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor, after allegedly communicating online with someone whom he thought was a 14-year-old girl. Instead, authorities say, the person was a NYPD officer.

According to Queens County District Attorney Richard Brown, Rosney sent sexually explicit messages as well as a digital video of his genitals to the undercover officer whom he began contacting on May 15. He tried setting up a meeting with the girl for sex on June 5, according to Brown.

“It is disturbing to think that a police officer would conduct himself in such a manner as to send a person whom he believed to be an underage female sexually explicit messages and web cam images of his genitals,” Brown said in a statement.

Rosney was the longtime head of the Troy Police Department’s Special Operations Section, which conducted long-term drug investigations until it was re-organized. His latest duties were as a records officer.

Tedesco said there are no allegations of sexual contact with a minor or being in possession of or trading child pornography. There are some indications, however, that he did mention he was a police officer during the

Advertisement



Stores across U.S. selling out of this new 'miracle' fat fighter.



Stores across U.S. selling out of this new weight-loss wonder pill.



Exclusive short video reveals the secret of how to learn any language in just 10 days!



iPads selling for as low as \$23.84. Limited to Members. Participate Now!

conversations, he said.

A search warrant was executed at Rosney's home near the Rensselaer/East Greenbush line where several computers were confiscated.

The Troy Police Department's Internal Affairs bureau was contacted late Wednesday afternoon about the arrest. NYPD did not let TPD in on the investigation, however, until it was ready to make an arrest. The Troy department has begun its own investigation to see if any local charges are warranted and is looking into the possibility of opening a criminal investigation, but there is no indication that Rosney was involved with any minors locally.

No other arrests are expected to be made. [Continued...](#)

- [1](#)
- [2](#)
- [3](#)
- [See Full Story](#)

Like

4



Reader Comments

Like

20

Add New Comment



[normajeana](#) ([edit profile](#))

147 comments 622 likes received

[Logout](#)

Type your comment here.

Post as normajeana