

## Canterbury police chief arrested, accused of sexually assaulting teen more than a decade ago

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### 2015 Cop Pedophile Police Chief John Laroche

Canterbury police Chief John Laroche has been charged with sexually assaulting an underage teen more than a decade ago, when he was a Boscawen police officer and she was a young cadet in the department, officials said.

Laroche, 44, of Concord, was arrested Tuesday afternoon and charged with one count of aggravated felonious sexual assault, the state attorney general's office said in a press release. He is set to be arraigned in Franklin's district court Wednesday morning.

The alleged incident occurred at the Boscawen boat ramp between January 1999 and August 2000, the office said. The girl was 16 or 17 at the time and a member of the department's Explorer Program. She reported the assault to authorities in September.

Canterbury Town Administrator Ken Folsom said Laroche has not been placed on leave, but that the town's selectmen will meet to decide that in a closed-door meeting Wednesday at 4 p.m. In addition to Laroche, the department is staffed by a sergeant, a patrol officer and two part-time officers.

Laroche has been with the department for about 12 years, seven as chief, Folsom said, noting that he did not have the staffing records with him. Folsom was not sure what Laroche's exact salary is.

Selectmen Chairman Bob Steenson said there have been no previous complaints about Laroche's conduct during his tenure at the department.

"His employment history with us has been uniformly good," Steenson said.

Laroche's bail was set at \$5,000 cash or surety bond, the office said.

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