

Laroche resigns as Canterbury police chief | New Hampshire

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2015 Cop Pedophile Police Chief John Laroche

— Police Chief John LaRoche has tendered his resignation to selectmen, according to town officials.

In August, sexual assault charges against LaRoche were made public by the state Attorney General's Office, which is investigating allegations against him from a woman – now in her 30s – who claims Laroche forced sexual relations on her while she was under his supervision 15 or more years ago.

According to the allegations, LaRoche supervised the woman when she was a teen while LaRoche was an officer in Boscawen.

Laroche, at his request, was placed on administrative leave without pay from his \$60,000-per-year job.

Tuesday morning, Town Administrator Ken Folsom released a statement saying LaRoche has resigned, “and the board voted to accept his resignation effective immediately.”

The release said the town now will move forward with the process of hiring a new chief.

Laroche, 44, was indicted by a Merrimack County Superior Court grand jury in October on one count of attempted aggravated felonious sexual assault and six counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault, all special felonies and each punishable by up to 10 to 20 years in state prison.

No court dates have yet been set. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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