

# Ex-cop gets 18 years for raping 2 teens in Orange

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Former NYPD lieutenant Nicholas McAteer, of Greenwood Lake, enters Orange County Court on Friday afternoon to hear his sentence.

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GOSHEN - Calling Nicholas McAteer a liar, a manipulator and a predator, an Orange County Court judge sentenced the retired NYPD lieutenant from Greenwood Lake to 18 years in state prison Friday for raping two teen girls he knew.

McAteer, 46, pleaded guilty April 11 to two counts of first-degree rape just before the court was about to start choosing a jury for his trial.

McAteer admitted that he forcibly raped one victim in early 2011 when she was 15, and the other in the fall of 2007 when she was 18. Both assaults happened in southern Orange County.

Before Judge William DeProspero pronounced the sentence, one of the victims, now a grown woman, gave a statement in which she said awful memories will haunt her for the rest of her life.

"I trusted and admired him," the victim said. "He took advantage of me when I was 13, when I was most vulnerable."

The prosecutor, Michael Milza, pushed for the maximum sentence. "The damage is irreparable," Milza said. "Nothing will give the victims their childhoods back."

During his statement, McAteer turned, looked at the victim, and said, "I'm sorry. I take full responsibility. I own it." He asked the judge to show mercy. "I'm not worthless. I'm redeemable," he said.

McAteer's lawyer, Andrew Quinn, said that because of McAteer's former career in law enforcement, prison would be uniquely difficult.

DeProspero imposed the sentence prosecutors had recommended: 18 years for each of the rape counts, to be served concurrently, and 10 years post-release supervision for each of the rape counts. When he's released from prison, he'll have register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

"You hid behind your gun and your badge," DeProspero said, calling McAteer a disgrace to law enforcement. "You forced them (the victims) to see things they didn't want to see."

At a post-sentencing news conference, Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler said McAteer is expected to remain in Orange County Jail for about 10 days, before he's transferred to the state prison system. Hoovler said McAteer could end up being placed in a special unit for sex offenders. "I will tell you his former position in law enforcement meant nothing for us in this case," Hoovler said.

McAteer, who was a lieutenant with the NYPD into 2017, according to online public employee salary data at [seethroughny.org](http://seethroughny.org), was arrested in August 2017 on charges of sexually assaulting one of the women when she was a teenager.

The second woman then stepped forward, and in October an Orange County grand jury handed up an indictment charging McAteer with 81 felony counts, including three first-degree rape charges, two counts of use of a child in a sexual performance and multiple counts of second- and third-degree criminal sexual act. The plea was taken to cover all of those counts.

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