



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

David Leyton, Prosecutor



Flint police inspector agrees to resign

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FLINT, MICHIGAN -- A Flint police inspector charged with misconduct has agreed to resign immediately.

Ralph Tedford III, 41, of Flint also will ask the state to permanently rescind his police certification, said Genesee County Prosecutor David S. Leyton.

In exchange, prosecutors will dismiss a felony misconduct charge against Tedford and allow him to plead guilty to misdemeanor willful neglect of duty.

Tedford, one of Mayor Don Williamson's handpicked members of the Citizens Service Bureau, has been off duty since last year when a woman alleged he took her to the King Avenue mini station for sex after a traffic stop. Tedford has been with the department for 18 years.

The plea agreement allows Tedford to avoid the possibility of a five-year prison term. Instead, he will face a maximum of a year behind bars.

He was expected to plead guilty to the reduced charge in Flint District Court Tuesday morning.

By asking the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to permanently revoke his certification, Tedford would not be able to work as a police officer again.

"This is a sad ending for a police officer who by many accounts had a fine career," said Leyton.

Leyton said the alleged victim in the case was consulted about the plea and agreed it was a fair resolution.

The Journal could not reach Tedford's attorney or acting Flint police Chief Gary S. Hagler for comment Monday.

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