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## **Ex-Erie police officer guilty of stealing drugs**

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A former Erie police officer is guilty of stealing cocaine from the department's evidence room.

Forty-seven-year-old Lt. Robert Liebel pleaded guilty to all nine charges against him, including theft and possession of cocaine, on Tuesday in Erie County Court.

The 22-year veteran was arrested in February after Erie police conducted a sting operation. The drugs were taken in 2007 and 2008.

Liebel will be sentenced on March 3. He was fired in May and is enrolled in a drug rehabilitation program.

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