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High-ranking NYPD cop David Chee pleads guilty to harassing boss' wife, faces early retirement

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A high-ranking NYPD cop faces early retirement after getting busted for harassing his boss' wife at a downtown precinct, the Daily News has learned.

Lt. David Chee, 44, pleaded guilty to aggravated harassment in January for calling and texting the wife of Deputy Inspector Gin Yee, commanding officer of the 5th Precinct, law enforcement sources said.

"Your husband was injured in an accident," Chee wrote in one text to the woman in June 2009, according to a complaint in Manhattan Criminal Supreme Court. "What is

your address so we can send you a car? Don't you care about your husband you f---ing slut?"

It was not clear why Chee, a 17-year veteran, targeted Yee's wife, but two sources said it may have been random.

The messages sparked an 18-month Internal Affairs probe and led to the arrest of Chee, who was booted out of the Chinatown precinct, sources said.

He is currently on modified duty at a Queens Viper squad, which monitors surveillance cameras at Long Island City housing projects.

Yee, 50, who has 20 years on the force, would not comment on the incident.

As part of his plea deal, Chee faces a conditional discharge and will be allowed to retire early after the NYPD finishes its probe and departmental trial, sources said.

It was unclear if Chee only targeted Yee's wife, but sources said he used equipment that disguised his voice to make harassing phone calls.

His lawyer, Howard Tanner, had no comment Tuesday, but earlier said that Chee was cooperating with investigators.

Tanner also said that Chee had a spotless record with the department before the recent allegations.

Two sources said that Chee appears to be mentally unstable but not a physical threat to himself or others. The sources added that the disgraced lieutenant has been prolonging the probe to delay his discharge.

NYPD officials said it was not clear when the departmental trial will take place.

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