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Boston deputy fire chief Peter Pearson
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Boston Fire deputy chief pleads not guilty to rape

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Boston (WBZ Newsroom) -- A Boston deputy fire chief charged with forcing a woman to perform sex acts at gunpoint in June has pleaded not guilty.

A spokeswoman for the Plymouth District Attorney's office says 51-year-old Peter Pearson of East Bridgewater was ordered held on \$50,000 bail at his arraignment in Brockton District Court on Wednesday.

Spokeswoman Bridget Norton Middleton says if he makes bail, he must stay away from the alleged victim and wear an electronic monitoring device.

Pearson is charged with aggravated rape, assault with a deadly weapon, impersonating a police officer and armed kidnapping.

Pearson's lawyer says the alleged victim was desperate because she was facing prostitution charges.

Pearson is on unpaid leave.

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