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Former St. Joe Detective Pleads Guilty

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - A former St. Joseph police detective has pleaded guilty to a federal charge accusing him of withholding information about a man who illegally possessed a firearm.

The office of the U.S. Attorney for western Missouri says in a release that 42-year-old Scott Thomas Coates pleaded guilty Tuesday to the felony charge of misprision of a felony. Under the plea agreement, prosecutors will recommend that Coates be sentenced to probation and ordered to resign from the St. Joseph Police Department.

Coates admitted that between 2007 and 2010 he failed to tell his superiors that Corey Andrew Barr illegally had a firearm. Barr was prohibited from having a firearm because of a domestic violence conviction and later pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm.

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