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# Capt. Sleepy's cruiser reclaimed by city

By JOE D'AQUILA

TRENTON — Who's the city's most photogenic cop on the force? Why, it's Paul "Capt. Sleepy" Messina of course.

It seems the much-maligned, oft-photographed captain was caught in the act once again, with the visual evidence posted up on the World Wide Web for all to see.

Messina began serving a five-day suspension on July 30, after he was caught sleeping on the job, for the second time, and photos of the cat-nap were displayed on the Web site [www.CaptSleepy.com](http://www.CaptSleepy.com).

A new addition to the Web site was made yesterday, when the site's creator posted new photos showing Messina's city-owned, unmarked police cruiser parked in the driveway of his Burlington County home.

That's presumably the same cruiser he himself had towed in to headquarters and inspected by detectives for fingerprints after someone placed a copy of The Trentonian with his sleepy image on its cover under his windshield.

Officers are required to turn in all police property while serving a suspension, and the site's creator claims the captain turned in his badge and his gun, but not his Ford Crown Victoria.

Whoops!

Police spokesman Sgt. Pedro Medina said last night that the photos didn't lie, but said the captain keeping his car was due only to an oversight on the part of the department.

Medina said Messina did not use the car during the suspension and that it only sat in his driveway for the past few days.

The spokesman said the "oversight" was brought to the department's attention after the pictures went online yesterday and that police personnel were immediately dispatched to Messina's house to retrieve the car and it was driven back to police headquarters.

In posting the new photos however, CaptSleepy.com's creator wanted to further stress what he sees as preferential treatment handed out to certain favorites of Trenton Police Director Joseph Santiago.



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The site also notes that Messina was seen at Police headquarters on Tuesday, a day after his suspension began. The site states that anyone serving a suspension is not allowed in the building without an escort.

CaptSleepy.com's account says he had no escort.

Speaking for the department, Medina said he wouldn't comment on the rules regarding being on police property during a suspension, but did confirm that the captain had been in the building during his suspension.

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