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**Legislature looks to end OT loophole for Sheriff's Office**

*Palmerucci still sees 'abuse' in holiday pay policy*

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Last year was the first year that high-ranking appointees in the Erie County Sheriff's Office were prohibited — along Sheriff's Office appointees still made the most of a provision allowing them to work overtime pay for working on holidays.

More than half of those officers did at least twice as much holiday pay in 2022 than

County legislators are now deliberating a resolution to put a stop to that. The resolution directs the county personnel commission to set uniform policies regarding personnel compensation for all employees, including all nonunion, salaried appointees. The resolution explicitly states that any employee not entitled to regular overtime pay is also not entitled to receive time-and-a-half for working on holidays.

Currently, Sheriff's Office appointees receive weekend holiday pay on top of their regular paid holiday time, similar to union employees.

Sheriff John Garcia said that if the County Legislature directs that his top administration should not receive overtime for working on holidays, he'll abide by that. He also said his office has been playing by the rules from the beginning and that

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BY RACHEL LENZI / NYNEX  
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of federal tax returns this year to some residents of a dozen states.

Last month, the agency published details of its plan to test an in-house filing system, in which taxpayers submit their federal tax returns directly to the agency online at no cost. Residents of 12 states are eligible to participate if they meet certain criteria.

"This is a critical step forward for this initiative effort that will test the feasibility of providing free direct access to file their returns for free directly with the IRS," Danny Worley, the agency's commissioner, said.

While the Direct Filing system is starting on a limited basis, taxpayers still faced some resistance, particularly from medical lab preparation companies.

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APR INTEREST RATE

FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF THE MORTGAGE

150,000  
MONTHLY PAYMENTS

15 YEARS

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