

## Source tells 10News sheriff's deputy busted in prostitution sting likely won't be fired

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SAN DIEGO - 10News has learned that a local sheriff's deputy busted in a prostitution sting will most likely not be fired.

Deputy Stuart Rea is a pilot for the department's ASTREA helicopter. He has been on the force since 1991.

In January, he was busted soliciting who he thought was a prostitute. He arranged the meeting on Craigslist with an undercover police officer.

When he met the woman at a Howard Johnson hotel, she recognized him right away, but he did not recognize her. It turns out he actually trained her at the academy.

Rea admitted to that, and 10News has been following the paperwork in court.

Last week, Rea showed some paperwork of his own, proving that he completed a prostitution impact panel course and an HIV education course. His charge was dropped to disturbing the peace.

Through it all, Rea has never missed a county paycheck. He has been working a desk job instead of flying, but a source tells 10News that is about as strict as his punishment may get.

10News was told, internal affairs will now take a look at the case and determine if he can fly again, but odds are he will not be fired.

A 10News crew stopped by what we thought was his home on Monday evening. No one answered the door.

Rea will receive three years probation and a fine of about \$550.

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I think the men who decide how to handle cases like this want to let others off easy so that when they get caught doing the same thing, they will just get a "disturbing the peace" charge and a cushy desk job with all the benefits up until they get their taxpayer-funded retirement. Internal Affairs detectives are the puke of law enforcement. They are often steered to arrive at the command staff's desired outcome. They are NOT in the pursuit of justice. IAD takes comments out of context and they manipulate transcripts to project a false image that a subject deputy is

admitting to misconduct that they are innocent of. A deputy can provide physical evidence to IAD that exonerates the cop and IAD will just ignore it and give you a stupid look.

White officer gets a free pass and is protected. Minority officer gets lynched.

I wonder how hard the deputies in the locker room are laughing at this fool. I don't want this deputy coming to my house to take a report.

what is the problem with the police? they should set examples, they do not, he knew he was breaking the law and in law enforcement he is twice as guilty