

DEA agents went to drug cartel hooker sex parties: DOJ

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2015 DEA Prostitutes parties and drug cartels



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U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents partook in wild sex parties with hookers hired by Colombian drug cartels, claims a bombshell report released Thursday by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

The parties, which took place between 2005 and 2008, were held at properties in Colombia paid for by the U.S. government and were ignored by multiple federal agencies, according to the report.

In addition, the report says, several DEA agents were gifted money and weapons from drug cartel members in Colombia.

"The (DEA) foreign officer allegedly arranged 'sex parties' with prostitutes funded by the local drug cartels for these DEA agents at their government-leased quarters, over a period of several years," the report said.

"Although some of the DEA agents participating in these parties denied it, the information in the case file suggested they should have known the prostitutes in attendance were paid with cartel funds," investigators wrote. "The foreign officers further alleged that in addition to soliciting prostitutes, three DEA SSAs (special agents) in particular were provided money, expensive gifts and weapons from drug cartel members."

News of the shocking review was first reported by Politico.

During the parties, Colombian police officers were allegedly paid to provide security and "protection for the DEA agents' weapons and property," the report claimed.

Multiple U.S. agencies including the DEA, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Marshals Service knew of the scandalous parties, but failed to report them.

The DEA's Office of Professional Responsibility was finally made aware of the romps in 2010 after an anonymous tip.

In addition, the DOJ Inspector General's office found that the drug agency did not comply with its probe while reports of the parties were being investigated.

At least 10 DEA agents have admitted to attending the bashes, many of whom were punished with modest suspensions ranging from two to 10 days.