

## Ex-NYPD cop charged with pimping out hookers locked up again

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2016 Cop Pimps Prostitutes Eduardo Cornejo

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Eduardo Cornejo, a former police officer who was accused of pimping out hookers, is back in jail.

An ex-NYPD cop charged with pimping out hookers is back in jail because prosecutors believe he's back to his old tricks.

Eduardo Cornejo, 34, was hauled into Brooklyn Federal Court on Tuesday accompanied by his parents who had signed his \$200,000 bail bond, and he agreed to surrender without contesting the government's shocking new allegations.

Prosecutors informed Judge Brian Cogan in a letter that the ex-cop was recently tracked in the vicinity of five different hot sheets motels in Staten Island, Queens, and Long Island through GPS monitoring.

“There is no legitimate reason for the defendant to have been at area hotels on the 10 listed occasions other than to promote or patronize prostitutes,” Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kevin Trowel and Alexander Solomon wrote.

Cornejo was also spotted by NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau investigators in a vehicle on July 25 with a prostitute with whom he associated before his arrest earlier this year, according to the letter.

Cornejo posted this Instagram photo, which prosecutors cited in court.

The prosecutors also attached an Instagram photo as a smoking gun piece of evidence that Cornejo is up to no good.

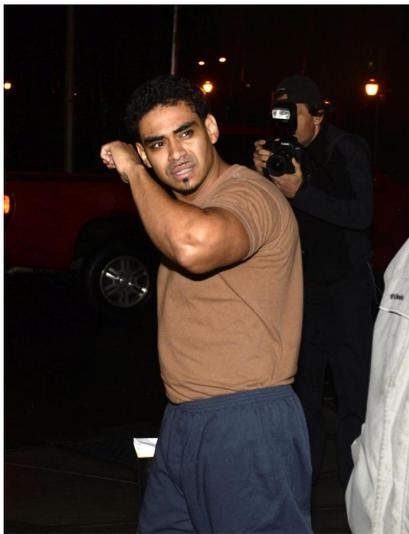


(Brooklyn U.S. Attorney's Office/New York Daily News)

“His boldness is also on display in the attached Instagram post from July in which the defendant flouts his supervision and brags that ‘I got a bag for the lawyers, like... What's your charges?’...Hop out of the courtroom like #WhatCharges? Big P[IMP]in' on you court steps,” the letter states.

But defense lawyer Michael Padden said the prosecutors may not have been aware that the comments on the Instagram post are actually the lyrics rapped by Jay Z in the song “I Got The Keys” from DJ Khaled's new mega-hit album “Major Key.”

The prosecutors' letter omits the rest of Cornejo's Instagram post which contains the song lyrics, “CASE YOU AIN'T NOTICE, I AIN'T LOST YET!! Y'all know the difference right? There's facts and fiction!! Ub #RealLife I'm like #Me?! In real life I'm like #No!! I'm not even on y'all #Radar.”



(Ken Murray/New York Daily News)

Eduardo Cornejo leaves Brooklyn Federal court in February.

Reviews of the song have suggested that Jay Z is referring to winning a copyright lawsuit last year.

Padden declined to discuss his client's intent behind posting the song lyrics. “We're taking no position in what (the government) is alleging,” Padden said outside court.

Cornejo was an 11-year NYPD veteran. He was fired from the force for testing positive for marijuana shortly before his February arrest by the feds.

Cornejo is scheduled to stand trial in November on interstate prostitution charges — at least one hooker he allegedly pimped was a minor — and he faces at least 10 years in prison if he's convicted of the human trafficking charge.

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