

## Latin American Herald Tribune - Puerto Rico Cop Sentenced to 25 Years for Kiddie Porn

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SAN JUAN – A 33-year veteran of the Puerto Rico Police Department was sentenced to 25 years in prison for crimes related to child pornography, the San Juan office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement reported Wednesday.

William Berrios Cruz was a PRPD lieutenant up until his arrest after being found to have videos of a sexual nature of a 16-year-old girl on his cell phone.

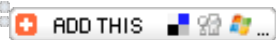
The investigation was launched when several Homeland Security Investigations agents received information on Feb. 24 that Berrios Cruz had raped the girl after having slipped an illegal substance into her drink.

HSI agents mobilized the next day at Berrios Cruz's residence in the central town of Barranquitas, where they found images on the cell phone of the cop engaging in sexual behavior with the minor.

Berrios Cruz had stood out for his work as an official with the PRPD's Police Athletic League.

The investigation was undertaken by ICE agents, the HSI and a PRPD task force.

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