

Boston officer pleads guilty to crime involving teenage girl

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2016 Cop Pedophile Edwin Guzman

- BOSTON —A highly decorated Boston Police Sergeant pleaded guilty Wednesday to accosting and annoying a teenage girl, admitting he sent her a picture of his penis in a Facebook message.

The guilty plea marked a fall from grace for Boston police Sgt. Edwin Guzman, but he will not serve any time in jail and the victim's mother says he is essentially getting away with what he did.

Guzman, the Boston Police Department's officer of the year in 2012, pleaded guilty in Quincy District Court to accosting and annoying a person of the opposite sex.

The case stems from Facebook messages in 2014 between him and a 16-year-old girl, who was a family friend.

"The conversation became sexually explicit," said Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney Jaclyn Burke in court. "He asked her if she wanted to see a picture of his penis and she said OK. And the defendant sent her a picture of his penis in his hand."

The judge asked Guzman if he was admitting those facts are true and the officer said, "Yes, your honor."

Even though Guzman admitted to those facts and investigators recovered conversations between him and the teenager, the deleted naked photo could not be recovered and the more serious charge against Guzman -- sending obscene matter to a minor -- was dropped.

We asked the victim's mother if she thought justice was done. "No. Not at all," she said. "It's a slap on the wrist."

Guzman's attorney, Kenneth Anderson, said the crime was fueled by Guzman's alcohol consumption.

"He deeply regrets what he did," Anderson said.

But Anderson denied his client got lucky because the photo could not be recovered. "I think this was a just disposition in the court," he said.

Guzman remains on paid administrative leave from the Boston Police Department, but even his own attorney said his future at the department looks grim.

Guzman will be on probation for two years and must stay off social media for six months. He will have to undergo a sex offender evaluation to determine if he needs treatment, but will not have to register as a sex offender.