

“Prostitution is like rape...”

## Cops Rob/ Extort/ Pimp Prostitutes

### 2011 Former (CA) state drug agent Norman Wielsch and other law enforcement officers steal from prostitutes and run prostitution ring

“PLEASANT HILL (CA)--

The former commander of a law enforcement task force in Contra Costa County **robbed prostitutes whose operations were competing with his own brothel** in Pleasant Hill, his co-defendant in a drug theft case told investigators... The former commander, ex-state Department of Justice agent Norman Wielsch, said **prostitutes and drug dealers deserved to have their money stolen**, said Christopher Butler, a private eye in Concord and Wielsch's former colleague on the Antioch police force.



In a 34-page narrative that he wrote for investigators detailing his alleged criminal exploits and obtained by The Chronicle, Butler also said a woman accused of prostitution had told him that she had sex with Wielsch in exchange for having charges against her reduced. In 2009, at Wielsch's suggestion, the woman helped the task force commander and private eye set up a massage parlor on Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill that fronted for a brothel, Butler said.”

In 2012, Butler admitted to conspiring with Wielsch to establish the Pleasant Hill brothel, and to collecting more than \$10,000 from the business that allegedly went to Wielsch **in exchange for protection for the operation from law enforcement**. Butler's sentencing is set for Sept. 11, 2012 and prosecutors would not say what term they would recommend. The drug charge against him carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of life.

Wielsch, 51, has pleaded not guilty to similar charges and remains free on bail. Tanabe, who is no longer a sheriff's deputy, has also pleaded not guilty.”

<http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Key-figure-in-dirty-DUI-stings-pleads-guilty-3535440.php#ixzz25FMOZhPs>

When the Feds took over the case, **the case no longer included the prostitution ring and prostitute extortion charges**. In another case involving government employees, *“Treasury Department officials have been cited for violations including hiring prostitutes with government computers ... the case was referred for criminal prosecution to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, which opted not to prosecute because there were no “aggravating circumstances” like underage girls involved.”*

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