

How an Officer of the Year Could Spend his Life in Prison

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Sometimes even law enforcement officers get caught up in crime. When an officer is accused of committing a crime, it ends up in the news followed by community outrage. Officers are supposed to represent societal integrity and moral fiber. Seeing someone supposedly committed to the law indicted for drug trafficking can be hard on the community.

Officer of the Year Caught Dealing Drugs

According to an article in WPTV News, the Boynton Beach Police department's 'Officer of the Year' for 2010 was indicted Tuesday. David Britto, 28, is accused of [conspiring to possess and traffic](#) 500 grams of methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that Britto has been drug dealing from June 2009 until March 4, 2011 when he was caught in a DEA led Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation.

Now that Britto faces a potential life sentence if convicted, Police Chief G. Matthew Immler released a statement saying,

"We realize that when an officer stands accused of a violation of the public trust, all of law enforcement pays the price in eroded citizen confidence and the perception of diminished integrity."

Britto was named 'Officer of the Year' for various achievements including helping to identify a man suspected of shooting two street preachers, performing CPR on a 2-year-old girl who almost drowned, working 11 burglaries resulting in 19 arrests, and working 18 narcotic cases leading to 25 arrests.

Britto said at the beginning of last year, he took out a pen and a piece of paper and wrote down that on every call he wanted to make a difference in someone's life, according to the article.

He's certainly made a difference for people who are hesitant to trust law enforcement officers.

Drug Trafficking Criminal Defense

It is upsetting to see someone who seems so motivated to make a difference in people's lives fall into the downward spiral of criminal behavior. Officer Britto is going to need a very knowledgeable [criminal defense lawyer](#) on his side to avoid that lifelong prison sentence prosecutors are pushing for. If you have ever been [charged with drug trafficking](#), a criminal defense attorney is the most essential person you can have on your team. Lawyers understand that you made a mistake and will do everything in their power to protect your rights. [Distributed by IntelBuilder Social Media Platform](#)