

Update: Officer of the Year Pleads Not Guilty to Drug Charges

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As discussed in a previous blog post on July 8th, Boynton Beach Police Department's 'Officer of the Year' for 2010, 28-year-old David Britto, was [indicted earlier this month on charges 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 Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation.

If convicted, Britto is facing life in prison.

On Monday, Britto pleaded not guilty before a U.S. Magistrate judge. He remains on paid administrative leave. According to WPTV News, Britto has faced a total of seven internal affairs investigations since he was hired in 2006, three of those allegations against him sustained. In 2008, he was suspended for cursing at a driver and for failing to submit a report that was complete and accurate. He was also suspended in 2009 for failing to divulge that he was involved in an off-duty criminal investigation with the Miami Beach Police Department.

After Britto's July 5 indictment, 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."

Drug Trafficking Criminal Defense

Britto's criminal defense lawyer needs to work very hard to represent Britto. Because Britto was named Officer of the Year and is highly respected within law enforcement, the outcome of the case will be interesting to see.

Have you ever been in this situation? Have you ever been [accused of drug possession or trafficking](#) after being in a highly respected position? This kind of situation is especially devastating and only an experienced criminal

defense lawyer can understand the difficulties you may be suffering. [Contact a criminal defense lawyer](#), he or she will be your strongest and most understanding ally.

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