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Claims of corruption at Queens precinct put crooked cop's sentencing on hold

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A judge Friday delayed the sentencing of a dirty cop after prosecutors dropped new bombshell allegations of police corruption in a Queens precinct.

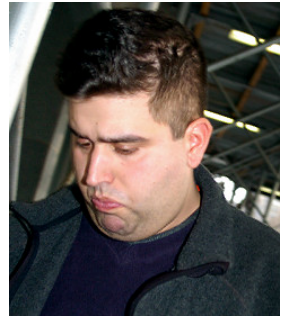
Ex-NYPD Officer Dennis Kim and his partner admitted accepting cash and sexual favors from a pimp in return for protecting a brothel in Flushing.

Now, the churchgoing Kim could face significantly more jail time because of claims from an informant that he and other cops in the 109th Precinct planted drugs on suspects and stole cash during gambling raids.

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Jerry Svoronos (Egan-Chin/News)

"The conduct, if true, is outrageous," Brooklyn Federal Judge Sandra Townes said, adding that she was considering giving Kim more than the two years in jail he and prosecutors agreed upon. "I don't have an agreement with the defendant," Townes said.

Kim's unit, which targets quality-of-life-type crimes, was cited by Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly in 2004 for its arrest activity.

Sources said a cooperating witness contends members of the precinct's conditions unit engaged in a practice known as "flaking," in which cops planted marijuana, cocaine or Ecstasy on suspects.

"Members of the conditions unit maintained a small stash of drug in an Altoids tin for this purpose," Assistant U.S. Attorney Monica Ryan said.

Kim's partner, Jerry Svoronos, also pleaded guilty and is cooperating with the government, but it is unclear whether he's the source of the new information.

The disgraced cops took payoffs from the pimp and helped shut down competing brothels. Both resigned from the force last year.

An NYPD spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment.

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