Seattle deputy fired after internal investigation shows he pimped out wife: cops

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gunsandtacticsmag via YouTube Former Sheriff's Deputy Darrion Holiwell is accused of trading more than \$15,000 worth of cases of ammunition. Officers had hoped to find a weapons cache when they arrested him.

In a move that surprised no one, a Seattle sheriff's deputy accused of pimping out his wife has been fired.

As of Tuesday, King County Sheriff's Deputy Darrion Holiwell is out of the job after racking up a slew of criminal charges such as promoting prostitution, theft and violating drug laws.

"Darrion Holiwell violated his oath, the trust of his fellow deputies, and the trust of the citizens of King County," Sheriff John

Urquhart said in a news release. "He does not deserve to be a police officer."

Holiwell refused to attend his Loudermill hearing to explain his case one last time before being disciplined after the agency's internal investigation wrapped up Monday, according to the Seattle Times.



KING5.COM The sheriff has declared he's out to prosecute Darrion Holiwell, calling it a 'witch hunt.'

He has been imprisoned at King County Jail since his arrest on June 19.

The investigation, described earlier by the sheriff as a witch hunt, resulted in the arrest of Holiwell after his estranged wife, Alicia Holiwell, came forward and said Holiwell helped her become a sex worker to earn extra cash for their family. He allegedly picked up 80% of her earnings.

Holiwell is also accused of trading

more than \$15,000 worth of cases of ammunition to gun shops for tactical and firearm gear and dealing illegal steroids, though his customers have not been identified.

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KING5.COM The sheriff suspect Darrion Holiwell was selling steroids to members of the SWAT team but hasn't tried to prove it.

Urquhart suspects members of the SWAT team bought steroids from Holiwell, but has not tried to prove it.

The probe continues into other law officers at the Seattle agency including a major crimes detective who allegedly tipped Holiwell off to the pending investigation. King County prosecutors are debating whether to pursue criminal charges against the detective.

When investigators stopped by

Holiwell's home during a search warrant, they hoped to find his gun cache, which included nearly 70 handguns, but they found the gun safe empty of any firearms and even bullets.

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