

LAPD Officers Luis Valenzuela, James Nichols Accused Of Forcing Women To Have Sex

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Two veterans of the Los Angeles Police Department are being investigated over accusations that the pair demanded sex from women by threatening them with jail time.

Officers Luis Valenzuela, who's been with the LAPD for 15 years, and James Nichols , a 12-year veteran, are on paid leave while internal affairs detectives look into the claims.

Search warrants first obtained by the Los Angeles Times indicate that the 4 alleged victims were either arrested previously or were working as police informants. The document also states that the cops would drive women to secluded areas; one officer would demand sex while the other kept watch, reports the Times.

On ABC7, LAPD Commander Andrew Smith read aloud a statement from Chief Charlie Beck about the investigation:

“I am shocked and saddened by these allegations of criminal misconduct. We will investigate this matter thoroughly. If proven true, we will prosecute the officers, both administratively and criminally.”

Valenzuela and Nichols are not under arrest and they have not been charged with a crime. The LAPD had planned to confront the pair early next week, but a pending lawsuit from one of the alleged victims forced internal affairs detectives to approach the two officers sooner for fear that they would destroy electronic evidence.

The first victim approached police with accusations in January 2010. Go to the Los Angeles Times to learn more about why the LAPD investigation based on her story went nowhere.

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The ‘investigation’ is still ongoing, as of July 2013... perhaps the LAPD is hoping it will just go away..