

In April 1984, some San Francisco vice cops decided to hire a prostitute whom they knew, to perform oral sex on handcuffed police cadet. The graduation party for the 156th graduating class was held at the Rothskeller Restaurant. Unfortunately for the cops, someone in the audience did not appreciate the ‘prank’ and ratted them out.

For any other Californian, ‘hiring a prostitute’ for one’s self is a misdemeanor, but to hire a prostitute for someone else is felony pandering [the crime is “encouraging a person to commit an act of prostitution, regardless of whether or not the person is already a prostitute]. In 1984, it carried a **mandatory three to six year prison sentence on the first offense, with no prior record.**

I know this because I was arrested, prosecuted and sentenced to three years in prison for trying to fulfill the fantasy of my former colleague on the LAPD (where I had worked for 10 years prior to becoming a call girl). - My ‘friend Penny- a then 50 year old, 6’2” nearly 300 lb woman- expressed a fantasy of being a call girl as I had become, after I left a very corrupt department in disgust and decided to write a book about the corruption- and about my career move upward. Knowing that many cops had personal relationships with prostitutes, I was not in the least bit worried about helping Penny fulfill her fantasy. After all, two cops I worked with in Hollywood tried to hire me to be the going away present for a retiring captain- at his request. They offered me \$200. That was before I left to become a call girl.

The ‘date’ I had arranged for Penny never took place. The only crime I had committed was having a conversation with her in which she asked if there was money involved- I said yes (*I had agreed to give my client the money to pay her with because Penny was so unattractive*). She asked about sex, I told her that it would be nothing that she hadn’t experienced in a normal adult relationship. For having a conversation with her, I was charged with one count of pandering and arrested in September 1983- a mere eight months before the San Francisco incident. Because my arrest and prosecution was based on the discovery **that I was writing a book to expose the corruption,** I was to be made an example for others, to discourage anyone else from exposing the ‘blue mafia.’

The cops in San Francisco were not indicted for their crime of pandering- a felony. The prostitute was arrested because she testified against them during the indictment process, after which she received death threats. Thereafter, she refused to testify at trial, so without the ‘victim’ to testify against them, the prosecutor had no case.

**Perhaps this is why cops who rape and extort prostitutes are seldom punished or even fired... because they aren’t doing it for money. It is just considered a minor infraction - not worthy of destroying the career of an otherwise ‘good officer’**

29 7. Nevertheless, in terms of impact upon the victim  
30 whereas a robbery may have a traumatic effect on the victim lasting  
31 weeks or months, pandering can lead its victim to a lifetime of  
32 shame and degradation, robbing her of her bodily integrity, personal  
33 privacy, self- respect, and reputation. Whereas rape is accomplished  
34 by one act of force, pandering can cause a woman to be pressured  
35 into an endless series of acts of indiscriminate sexual intercourse  
36 which progressively rape her spirit, character, and self image.  
37 Unlike rape, pandering is a cold-blooded, calculating, profit-  
seeking criminal enterprise. It is clearly a vicious practice."  
(See People v. Montgomery (1941) 47 Cal. App.2d. 1, 16 [overruled on  
other grounds in Murgia v. Municipal Court (1975) 15 Cal. 3d  
286, 301].)  
People v. Almodovar 1985

**But what can explain the fact that in cases where cops or police chiefs or judges are the pimps and panderers, they are also either not punished at all or receive very minimal sentences?**