

2011 WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -- A Palm Beach County grand jury has indicted a former Florida Atlantic University Police corporal on charges of first-degree murder with a firearm and kidnapping with a firearm.



Convicted Prostitute murderer
Florida Atlantic University
Police Officer Jimmy Dac Ho

State Attorney Michael McAuliffe said the indictment was handed up Thursday, charging Jimmy Dac Ho, 47, with the murder of Sheri Deann Carter, a 29-year-old Boynton Beach prostitute he connected with online. Ho faces life in prison on the kidnap charge and the death penalty on the murder charge.

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The indictment alleges that on Jan. 31, Ho premeditated the killing of Carter by shooting her with a firearm. It also alleges Ho forcibly confined, abducted or imprisoned Carter, against her will. Ho told police he handcuffed Carter to her bed, claiming first that he thought she was going to shoot him, and then later that she was going to pull a knife on him, in attempt to rob him.

Police quickly connected Carter's shooting to Ho through cell phone records, and he confessed to police almost immediately when they went to speak with him.

Ho was placed on administrative leave from his job at FAU the next day, and resigned a few hours after that. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office reports that he attempted to kill himself while in jail that week.

January 2013- Ho is still awaiting trial...