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## BOSTON POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO ALL CHARGES

Boston, MA... On the fourth day of a scheduled month-long trial, a veteran Boston Police Officer pleaded guilty to cocaine and heroin charges.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan, Warren T. Bamford, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New England Field Division and Edward Davis, Boston Police Commissioner, announced that **ROBERTO E. PULIDO**, 42, formerly of 57 Leighton Avenue in Boston, Massachusetts, pled guilty today to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and 1 kilogram of heroin, and two counts of attempting to aid and abet the distribution of more than 5 kilograms of cocaine. **PULIDO** also pled no contest to a fourth charge of carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The charges stem from a sting operation in which **PULIDO** and two fellow officers protected the shipment and distribution of 140 kilograms of cocaine and agreed to protect larger shipments of cocaine and heroin in the future. Earlier this week, on the first day of trial, his co-defendant and former partner on the Boston Police Department Special Operations Patrol, Nelson Carrasquillo, pled guilty to similar narcotics charges. **PULIDO** also tendered his resignation from the Boston Police Department at the plea hearing.

U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan said, "The evidence gathered against Mr. Pulido was overwhelming, and his claim of entrapment withered quickly under the stunning breadth and depth of his own criminal conduct," said U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan. "His plea today, which we hope will land him in prison for more than two decades, is a testament to the extraordinary work of the FBI agents and BPD Anti-Corruption detectives who worked this case for more than three years." Sullivan continued, "Mr. Pulido's actions are an affront to every decent, honest law enforcement officer. We must not allow these egregious actions tarnish the reputations of the honorable men and women of the Boston Police Department who, serve the public's interest and do their jobs with dedication and integrity. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of Assistant United States Attorneys John McNeil and George Vien in our Public Corruption Unit, who worked tirelessly to ensure that justice prevailed."

Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis said, "Police misconduct is an assault on public confidence and strikes at the very core of community policing by eroding the public trust. It is despicable and our department will not stand for it. I will not allow the loathsome actions of

the likes of Roberto Pulido to define the men and women of the Boston Police Department, who serve our City faithfully and courageously every single day.”

FBI Special Agent in Charge, Warren T. Bamford stated, “The FBI’s outstanding relationship with Commissioner Ed Davis and the Boston Police Department Anti-Corruption Unit today resulted in a guilty plea by Roberto Pulido. This successful conclusion is what happens when law enforcement partners work together to root out corruption. The community deserves to have full confidence in the men and women responsible for upholding the laws of the community.”

In testimony in the first days of trial and at the plea hearing, the evidence revealed that **PULIDO** recruited his BPD partner Nelson Carrasquillo to protect the transfer of 40 kilograms of cocaine on April 23, 2006, at **PULIDO'S** commercial garage on Washington Street in Jamaica Plain. For that the two men were paid \$20,000 by FBI agents posing as Miami-based drug dealers. **PULIDO** subsequently reached out to fellow police academy classmate, Carlos Pizarro, to assist **PULIDO** and Carrasquillo in the protection of a 100 kilo load of cocaine on June 8, 2006. That day the three guided a truck which they believed to be carrying the cocaine, with an estimated wholesale value of more than \$2 million, from western Massachusetts to **PULIDO'S** garage where they performed surveillance while the drugs were moved from truck to truck. The men were paid \$15,000 by the FBI undercover agents that day.

On July 19, 2006, **PULIDO** and Pizarro traveled to Miami to meet with the men whom they believed to be major cocaine dealers. At that meeting, they agreed to protect an additional 1,000 kilograms of cocaine and 5 kilograms of heroin. They agreed that they would be paid \$500 per kilogram for protecting cocaine and \$3,000 per kilogram for protecting heroin. At a meeting the following day in Coral Gables, Florida, **PULIDO**, Carrasquillo and Pizarro were paid \$36,000 – the balance due on a total payment of \$51,000 – for their assistance in guiding and protecting the cocaine on June 8. Carrasquillo also agreed to the plan to protect future shipments of cocaine and heroin.

On the afternoon of July 20, 2006, **PULIDO** and the others were arrested in Miami by federal agents a short time after taking the payment. When the vehicle was surrounded by federal agents in Miami, the three BPD officers stuffed the cash they had just been given by the undercovers between the seats and in other compartments in the car.

All three men have been detained pending sentencing. **PULIDO** is scheduled to be sentenced on February 6, 2008 at 2 p.m. Pulido faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years incarceration and a maximum of life incarceration.

Carrasquillo and Pizarro face mandatory minimum sentences of 10 years incarceration with a maximum of life. Pizarro is scheduled to be sentenced on December 12, 2007 at 2 p.m. Carrasquillo is scheduled to be sentenced on February 5, 2008 at 2 p.m.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New England Field Division, in cooperation with the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Squad. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys John T. McNeil and George W. Vien in Sullivan's Public Corruption Unit.

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