

2011 San Diego Police Officer Daniel Dana

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SAN DIEGO—”A former San Diego police officer accused of **forcing a prostitute to have sex** has pleaded no contest to a lesser charge. U-T San Diego says 27-year-old Daniel Dana entered the plea Wednesday to engaging in a lewd act in public.

He was sentenced to three years probation.” He is not required to register as a sex offender.



“Dana had faced several felony charges in San Diego Superior Court, including rape under color of authority, assault and battery by an officer, and false imprisonment, and **could have been sent to prison for more than 17 years if convicted.** Those charges were dropped with his plea.

Dana originally was charged with felonies including rape under color of authority. Prosecutors claim he threatened to send a prostitute he knew to jail in May unless she had sex with him. The woman said she was scared into having sex with him at a park. Dana's lawyer argued they had consensual sex.

Prosecutor Annette Irving says a plea deal was struck because of concerns about whether a jury would be able to agree that a prostitute had been raped.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/jul/19/tp-plea-deal-in-ex-officers-sex-case/>

“The prostitute testified he told her ‘*either I give him what he wants or I go to jail.*’ The woman said the officer told her to get into his patrol car, and he took her to Presidio Park, where they had sex.”

Dana was charged last year (2011) at a time when the Police Department was dealing with a rash of misconduct charges against officers. One officer, Anthony Arevalos, was sentenced to more than eight years in prison after being convicted in November of eight felonies and **four misdemeanors for molesting women he had stopped for traffic violations.**

Prostitutes are not believed when they tell society that they are NOT victims of sex trafficking- And they are not believed when they report being victims of rape (in particular, raped by a law enforcement agent).

How can the government expect to get convictions of those it claims exploit prostitutes if we are not believed when we ask for help and report those who abuse us? Why are cops who rape NON sex workers given prison time but probation if they rape prostitutes?