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## Disgraced cop gets 26 years in drug sting



Roberto "Kiko" Pulido was sentenced to 26 years in prison yesterday.

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Disgraced Boston cop Roberto “Kiko” Pulido, the erstwhile juiced-up, muscle-bound thug who boasted he would murder a Boston firefighter’s kids if their dad ratted him out, could be nearly 70 years old when he’s released.

Pulido, 43, was sentenced to 26 years in federal jail for conspiring to protect FBI-staged cocaine shipments and recruiting other cops to help him, actions that launched a corruption probe in to the department that is ongoing.

Pulido, who wore a tan prison shirt and glasses, smiled as he was escorted out of the court on his way to federal prison. He paused, turned and waved to 11 family members who lined the first two middle rows of the gallery. All were dressed in white T-shirts that read “Kiko We Love You” over a biblical reference to the Book of Jeremiah that reads in part, “I know the plans I have for you . . . plans to prosper you and not to harm you.”

Federal prosecutor John McNeil said Pulido had his own plans for prosperity: using his badge and gun to protect two huge cocaine shipments for men he believed were drug traffickers ready to pepper Boston streets with coke.

Officers Pulido, Nelson Carrasquillo and Carlos Pizarro were duped into believing they were being hired by a criminal organization to help ship dozens of kilos of cocaine into Boston. Carrasquillo was sentenced to 18 years in jail. Pizarro got 15 years.

“This man loved this life of crime,” McNeil said about Pulido. “We have three years of recordings of all kinds. They paint a picture of a man so thoroughly corrupt that no crime was too small and no crime was too large. He was a jack-of-all-crimes. He was not a corrupt cop. He was a criminal who managed to get a police badge . . . This man does not deserve a break.”

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In addition to the cocaine shipment, and his actions in the so-called Boom Boom Room – a sex-and-drugs club for rotten cops and drug dealers – Pulido was also accused of identity theft, and smuggling steroids from Greece. Federal prosecutors continue to interview cops in an ongoing grand jury probe.

His defense lawyer Miriam Conrad said the actions he was convicted of reflect a portion of his life where he was abusing steroids.

Pulido apologized before he was sentenced to 26 years in jail, with credit for the two he's already served: "It was the goal of my life to get to become a Boston Police officer. No one is sorer than me for the disgrace I've brought upon the department."

Thomas Nee, president of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association said, "We'd like to forget Robert Pulido. He's no reflection of the men and women that we represent."

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