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Former NYPD Officer Sentenced to Three Years in Prison for Criminal  
Possession of a Controlled Substance

*Participated in two sales of cocaine to an undercover investigator*

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, New York City Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill and Angel M. Melendez, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) New York, announced today the sentencing of former New York City Police Officer JOSE SIERRA in connection with sales of narcotics to an undercover officer. SIERRA was assigned to Housing Bureau Patrol Service Area 7 in the Bronx at the time of the criminal activity.

Today Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Curtis Farber sentenced SIERRA to three years in prison followed by five years of post-release supervision for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree. As agreed upon at the time of his guilty plea on January 8, 2019, SIERRA was ordered to forfeit \$1,653 in drug proceeds.

During an investigation by the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office (SNP), the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) and HSI New York, SIERRA and a second individual, LINA MARIA BEDOYA MURIEL, met with an undercover SNP investigator on May 16, 2017 and May 23, 2017 in the vicinity of 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Long Island City, Queens for the purpose of conducting narcotics sales. The transactions occurred inside a 2017 Honda Accord driven by SIERRA. In both instances, BEDOYA MURIEL handed packets of cocaine to the undercover officer in exchange for cash.

At the time of SIERRA's arrest on May 25, 2017, police conducted a court authorized search of a residence at 24-18 89<sup>th</sup> Street in Flushing, Queens and recovered a shrink-wrapped package of cocaine weighing approximately 125 grams, a pistol registered to SIERRA, three digital scales and passports in the names of both SIERRA and BEDOYA MURIEL.

SIERRA resigned from the NYPD without the permission of the Police Commissioner while charges were pending.

BEDOYA MURIEL pleaded guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree on January 8, 2019. She is scheduled for sentencing today.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan commended her office's Investigators Unit and Trial Division, the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Internal Affairs Bureau and HSI New York.

<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Conviction / Sentence</b>
Jose Sierra Queens, NY 03/18/1976	CPCS 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 1 ct / 3 years prison + 5 years PRS
Lina Maria Bedoya Muriel Queens, NY 05/28/1986	CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 1 ct