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DA Charges CHP Officer for ‘Fixing Ticket’ In Exchange for Sexual Favors

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) announced today that charges have been filed against a California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer who conspired to have a traffic violation dismissed in exchange for sexual favors from a woman he cited for speeding. Officer Abram Carabajal, 51, of Oceanside is charged with three felony counts including perjury, conspiracy to obstruct justice and accepting a bribe.

“Any law enforcement officer who breaks the law and abuses the public trust will be held accountable,” said DA Dumanis. “The CHP should be commended for conducting a thorough internal investigation and bringing the case to our office for review.”

On March 12, 2008, Officer Carabajal cited Shirin Zarrindej, 47, for speeding. Sometime after that, the two began communicating with each other, fostering a relationship and conspiring to commit perjury and bribery.

Zarrindej pleaded not guilty to the speeding violation causing a subpoena to be issued to Officer Carabajal for the court trial. But in court on July 1, 2008, Carabajal testified under oath that he had not been served the subpoena, leading the court to dismiss the case against Zarrindej. That same day, right after the court appearance, Carabajal and Zarrindej met at the Guesthouse Inn in Oceanside and were observed walking arm-in-arm to a hotel room. Zarrindej later told investigators she had sex with Officer Carabajal in the room.

Zarrindej has also been charged with three felony counts including perjury, conspiracy to obstruct justice and offering a bribe.

Carabajal is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges today in Department 14 of Superior Court in Vista at 1:30 p.m. Zarrindej will be arraigned in Vista on April 13th.

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