

BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



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Broward County PBA Member Cleared of Wrongdoing by State Attorney

Fort Lauderdale, Florida – March 18, 2015 – The Broward County Police Benevolent Association has successfully defended a BSO Deputy in an issue related to an arrest that took place in Boca Raton. The State Attorney for the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida will not be charging BSO Deputy Gregory Edlund with any violation of the law.

The Broward County PBA appointed special outside legal counsel to defend K-9 Deputy Gregory Edlund during a review by the State Attorney's office of an incident that took place beginning in April 2014. The review was to determine if the deputy had committed any criminal offenses connected to an arrest and subsequent prosecution of Brian Guinto, which began in April 2014.

Although it was shown that Deputy Edlund was in Boca Raton when Guinto was arrested, he did not commit perjury or author a false police report as it related to a tow slip filled out at the time of the arrest. The case will be turned back to the Broward Sheriff's Office of Internal Affairs for any possible administration action.

"We stand behind our members and are pleased to learn that one of our deputies has been exonerated," said Broward PBA President, Jeff Marano. "We are confident that there will be no administrative action taken by the Broward Sheriff's Office."

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The Broward County Police Benevolent Association is the largest law enforcement group serving Broward County. BCPBA is a non-profit organization providing labor relations assistance and collective bargaining services for its members. Our mission is to promote professionalism in law enforcement and to protect the rights and privileges of individual law enforcement officers and civilian employees, as well as to keep citizens informed of the challenges facing law enforcement today. We are active in community events including those that support and honor law enforcement.