

WEST PALM BEACH

A Delray Beach police officer arrested on perjury and official misconduct charges was expected to accept a plea deal today, but the hearing has been postponed until next week.

Officer **Dave Melville Chin**, 37, faces one count of perjury and three counts of official misconduct after prosecutors say he lied about his relationship with a woman who acted as a confidential informant.



Officer Dave Melville Chin, 35, was arrested Wednesday and is facing one count of perjury and three counts of official misconduct.

Both Chin and his attorney Robert Bertisch were outside Circuit Judge Robin Rosenberg's courtroom this morning, but prosecutor Marci Rex said they ultimately decided to return to court Monday to finalize the deal. Rex did not reveal details of the proposed agreement his morning.

According to the state attorney's office, Chin, a member of the department's street narcotics enforcement unit, made false statements during the arrest and prosecution of a 26-year-old Hobe Sound woman.

Delray Beach officers arrested Natalie Jerue on charges of trafficking in oxycodone. According to a report related to Chin's arrest, he made false statements about asking Jerue to go out on dates, made false statements that caused another officer to falsify a probable-cause affidavit related to her arrest and lied about Jerue having provided information that led to a drug-related arrest.

He did so to prevent the exposure of his personal cell phone records that revealed a relationship between Chin and Jerue, the report said.

Chin detained Jerue during a traffic stop in June 2011, but did not arrest her, the report said. Jerue ultimately was arrested on the oxycodone charge.

Chin initially met her months earlier while she was having lunch with a person whom Chin recognized as a department informant, the report said. He expressed an interest in dating Jerue and sent her several text messages asking her to go on a date, the report said. Chin initially denied to investigators that he asked Jerue out, but later admitted it. They never actually went on a date, he said.