

Steroid Ring Bust: "Dozens of MLB Players" Implicated

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A former clubhouse employee of the New York Mets has pleaded guilty to selling and distributing schedule C anabolic steroids to "dozens of Major Leaguers on teams throughout the league."

The [report being broken by Sports Illustrated.com](#) states that:

Today, the IRS agents, FBI and U.S. Attorneys office in California that pursued the BALCO case made a significant announcement. **Kirk J. Radomski**, a [New York Mets](#) clubhouse employee between 1985 and 1995, has pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in San Francisco to distribution of a controlled substance -- a schedule three anabolic steroid -- to "dozens of Major Leaguers on teams throughout the league." He also pleaded guilty to one count of money laundering. (Combined, these charges are punishable by a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.)

No players have yet been named at this time, but as reported, this seems a matter of when, not if. As further reported:

Numerous significant deposits from current and former [Major League Baseball] players and some affiliated individuals were made to Radomski.

Cellphone numbers of current and former MLB players have already surfaced, and at least one player that has been part of the BALCO investigation has been implicated.

A statement from **Bob DuPuy**, MLB president and COO, on the investigation reads:

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"We support the efforts of the U.S. Attorney's office in combating the illegal use of performance-enhancing substances, and we are encouraged that the U.S. Attorney has insisted Mr. Radomski cooperate with Senator George Mitchell's investigation as a condition of the plea agreement. We urge all personnel connected with Major League Baseball to come forward with whatever information they may have that will assist Senator Mitchell in his investigation."

The [New York Daily News reports](#) :

MLB Players Association officials were concerned enough that they began calling players yesterday, telling them to be prepared in case Radomski had named them to prosecutors. Union officials did not know the names of the players involved.

The [NY Times reports](#) :

According to the affidavit, Mr. Radomski had accepted personal checks from his clients, but often cashed them instead of depositing them in his account, where they would leave a paper trail. Mr. Novitzky wrote that Mr. Radomski was running a cash business, for the most part.

Mr. Radomski bragged to the F.B.I. source once, saying how he was building a pool in his backyard and paid for it with \$50,000 in cash. A review of cash deposits into Mr. Radomski's bank accounts showed that sometimes his clients did pay by check. The affidavit listed 23 check transactions with names of current and former Major League Baseball players and their affiliates. Those checks ranged from \$200 to \$3,500.