A Broward Sheriff's employee was charged with extortion by her employer after discovery of an alleged plot to expose an extramarital affair, the agency said.

Deborah O'Flaherty-Lewis, 47, is accused by BSO of threatening a victim with texts and phone calls that if she was not paid $7,000, an affair would be revealed, according to a probable cause affidavit.

O'Flaherty-Lewis has worked for BSO since 1995. She was a child investigative supervisor who earned a base pay of $81,000 at the time of her arrest, according to documents supplied by the agency.

At a meeting with the victim Tuesday night and while under a deputy's surveillance, O'Flaherty-Lewis received an envelope containing cash at 1100 SW 10th St. in Deerfield Beach, BSO said.

She was immediately detained and the marked money was recovered, according to the report, and was later suspended with pay from her job, the agency said.

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**Bonnie42** at 9:16 AM August 09, 2013

That's just base pay, add the o.t. car insurance and the rest, I bet it's over 150 Gs.

**Fiscally Responsible** at 6:21 AM August 09, 2013

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Of the 154 Miami police and firefighters who “retired” (actually entered the DROP) on Sept. 26, 2010, 55 have annual pensions in excess of $100,000, 10 of them greater than $150,000. The latter group includes Chief Fire Officer Ronald Khawly, who transitioned into retirement at 52 with a pension of $181,366; Assistant Fire Chief Veldora Arthur (44, with a pension of $166,687) and Chief Fire Officer Joe Burns (54, with a pension of $165,910).

• In Hollywood, firefighters who left the city’s employ since 2008 after eight years in the DROP program have walked away with savings accounts of $500,000 or more, some as high as $1 million.

“Pensions can’t be as rich as they have been,” said Hollywood Commissioner Beam Furr. “When you are in the public service, you shouldn’t be expecting to become rich. You shouldn’t be expecting to become suddenly a millionaire, and that has happened.”