

Bruno Mars Takes Plea Deal, Avoids Prison Time - Baltimore Sun (blog)

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LAS VEGAS -- Singer Bruno Mars can avoid prosecution for a [Las Vegas, Nevada, drug arrest if he stays out of trouble for a year, gets drug counseling, does 200 hours of community service and pays a \\$2,000 fine, according to terms of a deal confirmed by the prosecutor's office Friday.](http://news.google.com/topic/us/nevada/clark-county/las-vegas-PLGEO100101101011248.topic)

The 25-year-old was arrested in a casino restroom last September, allegedly with 2.6 grams of cocaine in the left front pocket of his jeans, police said.

Tess Driver, an assistant to [Clark County](#) District Attorney David Roger, confirmed details of the agreement first reported by the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper Friday.

The deal provides for the "deferred adjudication" of the felony drug charge, which means the district attorney will not pursue the charges for 12 months as long as Mars complies with terms of their deal, the newspaper reported.

After a year, the charge would be dropped, but if he fails, Mars could go to prison, it quoted Roger as saying.

Mars, whose real name is Peter Hernandez, was riding high on the music charts when he was arrested last year.

His single, "Just the Way You Are," shot to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart that month. His latest single is currently at the top of the charts.

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