

## Our Thinking: In The News

### Police Board votes to fire officer who shot friend, then lied about it.

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The Police Board said Officer Patrick Kelly, Star 19397, lied about shooting his friend Michael LaPorta after the two had been drinking in a couple of Beverly bars on Jan. 12, 2010. Kelly had claimed in a 911 call that LaPorta committed suicide for no apparent reason by shooting himself in the back of the head using his left hand with Kelly's service revolver in Kelly's home. It was only while Kelly was on the phone with 911, he realized his friend was still alive.

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