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**NAVAL STATION MAYPORT CONTRACTOR SENTENCED
FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY**

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard, yesterday sentenced Phillip G. McKnight (age 52, of Jacksonville) to five months in federal prison and a subsequent three months of house arrest for theft of government property. The court also ordered McKnight to pay \$10,000 in restitution. McKnight had pleaded guilty on January 16, 2009.

According to court documents, McKnight stole ship-to-shore cables from the pier at Naval Station Mayport to sell for cash. He stole the cables on 41 separate occasions over a 13-month period while employed by North Florida Shipyard as a machine shop foreman at the Naval Station.

This case was investigated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service office at Naval Station Mayport. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ron Henry and Special Assistant United States Attorneys Jonathan McKay and Ron Desantis.