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FEDERAL PRISON GUARD ARRESTED

Little Rock - Bud Cummins, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and William C. Temple, Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock Field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced today the arrest of Xavier L. Livingston, a federal Correctional Officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Forrest City, Arkansas. Correctional Officer Livingston was arrested last night on charges of attempting to illegally smuggle into the federal prison a prohibited substance or contraband (a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1791) and accepting a bribe for attempting to do so (a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 201). The arrest took place in Shell Lake, Arkansas by FBI Agents and Agents of the Office of Inspector General (OIG - DOJ), Department of Justice. Assisting the FBI and the OIG-DOJ in their joint investigation were investigators from the Forrest

City Federal Correctional Institution and the West Memphis Police Department.

"The investigation that led to this arrest is part of a multiple agency effort to uncover and prosecute those persons who attempt to smuggle illegal substances and contraband into the Federal Prison in Forrest City, Arkansas", stated U. S. Attorney Bud Cummins. He added that "this is an on-going investigation and will be thoroughly investigated and prosecuted."

A federal complaint charging Correctional Officer Livingston with these crimes was filed today in the Eastern District of Arkansas by the United States Attorneys' Office.

A federal complaint is merely an allegation of criminal wrongdoing. A person so charged is presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty in a criminal trial.

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