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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - March 18, 2011

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced today the unsealing of a one-count indictment charging Brandon McKinney, a Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) Correctional Officer, with sexual abuse of a ward, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2243(b). The indictment was handed up by a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego on March 16, 2011, and unsealed today during McKinney's initial court appearance before Magistrate Judge William V. Gallo.

The indictment alleges that on July 20, 2010, McKinney, while on duty, engaged in a sexual act with an inmate at the MCC. McKinney was arrested earlier today by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General.

Magistrate Judge Gallo ordered the defendant remanded into custody pending a bail hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General.

**DEFENDANT**

**CASE NUMBER 11cr1020JLS**

Brandon McKinney

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2243(b) - Sexual Abuse of a Ward

Maximum Penalties: 15 years' custody, 3 years supervised release, \$250,000 fine and a \$100 penalty assessment.

**AGENCIES**

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General

**An indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.**