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FORMER USP-ATLANTA CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SENTENCED FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES FROM INMATE

Former Guard To Serve One Year In Federal Prison

Atlanta, GA - ANDRU WALLACE, 30, of Lithonia, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Clarence Cooper on charges that, while he was employed as a correctional officer at the United States Penitentiary-Atlanta, he accepted bribes from a federal inmate for bringing contraband items into the prison for the inmate.

“This defendant accepted hundreds of dollars in bribes in exchange for bringing contraband items into the Atlanta Penitentiary,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “In doing so, he not only unlawfully enriched himself, but he endangered the order and safety of the penitentiary by providing items to an inmate that Bureau of Prisons’ regulations strictly prohibit. We will continue to aggressively prosecute crimes where prison guards accept money or other favors from inmates in exchange for smuggling contraband items into a prison or providing other unlawful favors or privileges to inmates.”

WALLACE was sentenced to one year in prison to be followed by 2 years of supervised release. WALLACE was convicted of these charges on March 4, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: WALLACE was employed as a correctional officer by the United States Bureau of Prisons from 2001 until February 2007. On two occasions in November and December 2006, WALLACE accepted bribes totaling \$600 from a federal inmate incarcerated at USP-Atlanta. In exchange for the money, WALLACE brought the inmate cigarettes and allowed him to use a cellular telephone. Bureau of Prisons regulations prohibit inmates from having cigarettes or using cellular telephones. In December 2006, the inmate reported the payment of the bribes to the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Justice. An undercover investigation was then conducted with the cooperation of the inmate. In January 2007, two more bribes of \$500 each were paid to WALLACE in exchange for WALLACE’s agreement to bring more cigarettes and a cellular telephone to the inmate. On February 14, 2007, WALLACE was confronted by

Special Agents with the Office of the Inspector General. In response, WALLACE confessed that he accepted the bribes and resigned his position with the Bureau of Prisons.

This case was investigated by Special Agents with the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Justice.

Assistant United States Attorney William L. McKinnon, Jr. prosecuted the case.

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