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FORMER U.S. D-E-A SPECIAL AGENT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Gregory Campion To Serve 21 Months for Failing to Report Drug Money He Stole

Atlanta, GA - GREGORY CAMPION, 48, of Orlando, Florida, a former agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Atlanta, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Jack T. Camp to 21 months in prison for failing to report cash income for 2004.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This defendant blatantly violated the oath he took to uphold the law and protect the public. His felony conviction and prison sentence are a fitting response to his acts of corruption and betrayal."

Teresa Gulotta-Powers, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, Miami Field Office, said "The Office of the Inspector General investigates allegations of misconduct within the Department of Justice and its related programs. The OIG recognizes the actions of a few do not reflect on the hard work and high standards of the men and women of the DOJ. However, the misconduct of these few must not and will not be tolerated."

Rodney G. Benson, Special Agent in Charge of DEA-Atlanta Field Division said, "Citizens place their trust and confidence in law enforcement officers to serve and protect them. Mr. Campion abused such trust. His criminal conduct does not reflect the actions of many dedicated law enforcement officers who work tirelessly to protect the citizens of this country from dangerous drugs."

IRS-Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge Reginael D. McDaniel said, "Sworn law enforcement officers who intentionally choose to be part of the problem rather than part of the solution should understand that the consequences of their illegal actions will be criminal prosecution and probable jail time."

CAMPION was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison to be followed by 1 year

of supervised release and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service. The sentence was increased because Judge Camp found that a substantial portion of the unreported income came from illegal activity, which was not contested. Specifically, CAMPION did not contest the Government's evidence that the funds were stolen from drug money seized in narcotics investigations.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: Between 2003 and 2005 CAMPION was an assistant supervisor at a DEA task force office in Atlanta. In this position he had access to millions of dollars of cash seized from suspected drug traffickers. Several seizures conducted during this time were "short," that is, that the final amount counted by the bank was thousands of dollars less than the original amount seized. During 2004, CAMPION deposited over \$200,000 in cash in his accounts, none of which was reported as income on his tax returns. He had been placed on administrative leave in 2005, and resigned his position at DEA when he pleaded guilty to the federal charge. CAMPION was indicted in March 2006, and pleaded guilty in March 2008 to tax evasion.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the United States Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG), the DEA's Office of Professional Responsibility, and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division.

Assistant United States Attorneys Justin S. Anand and Kurt R. Erskine prosecuted the case.

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