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Fort Dix Correctional Officer Sentenced to 18 Months in
Prison for Smuggling Contraband into the Prison

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NEWARK – A Fort Dix correctional officer was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison today for smuggling tobacco products into the federal prison at Fort Dix, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Court Judge Dennis M. Cavanaugh also ordered Terrence Street, 31, of Lumberton, to pay a \$4,000 fine and to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison term. Judge Cavanaugh continued the defendant's release on a \$50,000 unsecured bond pending his surrender to the U.S. Bureau of Prison on or before Feb. 19.

Street, who was suspended by officials at Fort Dix after his arrest, pleaded guilty on Sept. 25, 2007, before Judge Cavanaugh, to one count of corruption in the performance of his official duties. Street was arrested by Special Agents of the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General on May 10, 2007.

At his plea hearing, Street admitted that in December 2005 he agreed with an inmate, who he later learned was cooperating with federal law enforcement, to sell tobacco products to the inmate, who in turn could sell the tobacco products to other prisoners at Fort Dix. Over the course of the next five months, Street smuggled in dozens of cartons, pouches, and bags of tobacco products for the cooperating inmate and received thousands of dollars in return. Street often directed the inmate to send the money to him through wire transfers, sometimes using fictitious names to collect the payoffs.

Street further admitted that in the summer of 2006, he agreed with a second inmate to sell the inmate fifty pounds of rolling tobacco. Street met the inmate's wife at a Cherry Hill restaurant, where she gave him \$6,500 in cash. Unbeknownst to Street, the second inmate was also cooperating with federal law enforcement.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Inspector General Glenn A. Fine, and Special Agent in Charge James E. Tomlinson, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas R. Calcagni of the U.S. Attorney's Office Special Prosecution's Division in Newark.

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