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**FORMER CORRECTIONS OFFICER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR
ENGAGING IN A SEXUAL ACT WITH A FEDERAL INMATE**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that J.C. GREEN, a former corrections officer at the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC") in Manhattan, was sentenced to 12 months in prison -- the maximum allowable sentence -- for engaging in a sexual act with a federal inmate in May 2005. GREEN was sentenced by Chief Judge KIMBA M. WOOD in Manhattan federal court.

As established by the evidence at GREEN's January 2007 trial and statements made in open court, GREEN, while on duty at the MCC on the evening of May 3, 2005, ordered a female inmate to clean the suicide watch area of the female housing unit. He then closed and locked the door of the area and forced the inmate to perform oral sex on him. The following day, when questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") agents about the incident, GREEN falsely denied having had sexual contact with the inmate. The evidence at trial included DNA evidence establishing that semen found on the inmate's clothing was GREEN's. Under federal law, it is unlawful for a prison officer to knowingly engage in a sexual act with an inmate who is subject to the officer's custody and supervision (whether or not the sexual contact is forcible or consensual).

In imposing the sentence, Chief Judge WOOD described it as a very serious offense for a corrections officer to abuse a position of trust and authority and to abrogate his responsibility to provide security and safety for inmates under his control. Chief Judge WOOD also noted her belief that corrections officers will be deterred by a term of custody for a crime such as this one.

In addition to the 12 months' imprisonment, GREEN was sentenced to 1 year of supervised release to follow his prison

term.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the FBI in connection with the case.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorney JENNA DABBS is in charge of the prosecution.

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