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U.S. ARMY MAJOR SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ACCEPTING GRATUITIES

United States Attorney Robert Pitman announced that in El Paso, 42-year-old U.S. Army Major Christopher Grant Bradley of El Paso was sentenced to six months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$20,000 restitution to the U.S. Department of Defense for illegally accepting gratuities while deployed in Iraq in 2008.

According to the factual basis filed in this case, Bradley was deployed to Mosul, Iraq, at Forward Operating Base Diamondback from January 2008 to November 2008. During that time, Bradley served with the Ninawa Operation Command Military Transition Team where he assisted in the development of facilities at the base and the training of a companion Iraqi Army unit that was stationed on an adjacent Iraqi base.

On April 9, 2012, Bradley pleaded guilty to two counts of illegally accepting gratuities. By pleading guilty, Bradley admitted that he accepted \$20,000 cash from an Iraqi contractor at FOB Diamondback. Bradley escorted the contractor around the base when the contractor was unable to hire a properly credentialed employee. Further, Bradley assisted the contractor to circumvent security procedures requiring the off-loading and reloading of trucks prior to entering the base. He arranged for the contractor's trucks to be allowed onto the Iraqi portion of the base without previously being off-loaded and re-loaded, thus saving the contractor substantial costs and time. Bradley admitted that, on two separate occasions, he accepted an envelope filled with \$10,000 cash from the Iraqi contractor. Bradley admitted that the payments were given to him because of his assistance to the contractor.

The Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR), Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., stated, "The sentence meted out in this case demonstrates the consequences faced by those individuals who abused their official positions in Iraq for the sake of personal financial gains. By providing special treatment to an Iraqi contractor in exchange for multiple bribes, the military officer sentenced today violated the law as well as the trust vested in Bradley by his country. With about 100 ongoing investigations, SIGIR and its investigative partners continue to pursue a wide variety of allegations arising from potential wrongdoing committee during the Iraq reconstruction enterprise."

This case was investigated by special agents with SIGIR, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Major Procurement Fraud Unit and Albuquerque, NM, post of duty. Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Peele prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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