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**U.S. ARMY MAJOR PLEADS GUILTY TO ACCEPTING GRATUITIES**

**United States Attorney Robert Pitman** announced that U.S. Army Major Christopher Grant Bradley, age 42, of El Paso pleaded guilty this morning to accepting \$20,000 in 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.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge Norbert Garney this morning, 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.

Bradley faces between six months and one year in federal prison and has agreed to pay \$20,000 in restitution. A sentencing date has yet to be scheduled.

Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) Inspector General Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., stated, "This guilty plea indicates once again that the U.S. law enforcement community continues to investigate and prosecute those individuals who exploited their official positions in Iraq for unjust enrichment. The wrongdoer here was a military officer who, while involved in the reconstruction effort, accepted illegal gratuities. The just result stems from the close cooperation among various government agencies, including the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, and SIGIR."

"This is another prime example of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command working closely with the Department of Justice and other fellow law enforcement agencies to protect the interests of the American taxpayer and our men and women in uniform," said Mr. Frank Robey, Director of the Major Procurement Fraud Unit of the Army's Criminal Investigative Command. "We will continue to utilize all of our investigative assets to uncover and help prosecute criminal acts such as this."

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, New Mexico, post of duty. Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Peele is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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