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## **Former Federal Medical Center Correctional Officer Sentenced for Civil Rights Violation and Sexual Abuse of Inmates**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** – Christopher Brian Goodwin, 46, was sentenced to 135 months on Friday, by Chief U.S. District Judge Danny C. Reeves, for deprivation of rights under color of law and three counts of sexual abuse of a ward.

Goodwin was employed as a correctional officer through the Bureau of Prisons, at FMC Lexington, and committed the offenses upon four inmates under his custody and supervision. According to his plea agreement, Goodwin grabbed one victim as she attempted to exit an office space and placed himself between her and the door so he could monitor the hallway through a window. Goodwin proceeded to sexually assault the victim against her will, knowing there were no cameras in that vicinity. He admitted he had deprived the inmate of her Constitutional right not to be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment and his actions also resulted in bodily injury to the victim.

According to his plea agreement, Goodwin also admitted to unlawfully touching the breasts, buttocks, and groin area of three more victims on multiple occasions between April and September of 2019. According to his plea, he sexually abused these three inmates by unlawfully engaging in oral sex.

Goodwin pleaded guilty to the charges in March 2022.

Under federal law, Goodwin must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence; and upon his release from prison, he will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for five years and subject to sex offender registry laws of Kentucky.

Carlton S. Shier, IV, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; William Hannah Special Agent in Charge, Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General; and Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Louisville Field Office, jointly announced the sentence.

The DOJ-Office of the Inspector General and FBI handled the investigation. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tashena A. Fannin and Kate K. Smith.

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