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## **POLLOCK INMATE CONVICTED ON FEDERAL ASSAULT CHARGES**

### *Prison Assaults Aggressively Prosecuted by Department of Justice*

**Pollock, Louisiana . . . MATTHEW VICKERS**, age 31, an inmate at U. S. Penitentiary in Pollock, Louisiana, was convicted by a federal jury today of assaulting a correctional officer, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced.

VICKERS was charged by a federal grand jury on November 19, 2008, in a one-count indictment charging him with forcible assault of a correctional officer at the United States Penitentiary in Pollock, Louisiana, by striking the correctional officer with his fist while the officer was engaged in his official duties.

VICKERS is currently confined at USP Pollock where he is serving time for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and felon in possession of a firearm. His original release date of December 12, 2012 will be extended as a result of the conviction on assault charges. Vickers faces a statutory maximum of an additional 8 years in prison when he is sentenced on November 19, 2009

U.S. Attorney Donald Washington stated: "The aggressive position of our office on prosecuting inmate assaults underscores the severity of violent prisoner behavior. This office will continue its efforts

to deter inmate assaults with weapons by aggressively prosecuting offenders within the Bureau of Prisons.”

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nicole O. Snyder and C. Mignonne Griffing.

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