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**FORMER CORRECTIONS OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY
TO BRIBERY CHARGES**

Alexandria, Louisiana . . . Derrick Stevenson, 26, of Moreauville, La., a former corrections officer at U. S. Penitentiary in Pollock, La., pleaded guilty today to bribery and providing prison contraband, United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced.

Stevenson was charged in an indictment filed September 24, 2010, with two counts of bribery and two counts of providing contraband to prisoners. According to testimony at today's hearing, the defendant admitted to providing tobacco to a prison inmate in exchange for \$1,000.

Stevenson faces a maximum punishment of 15 years in prison, or a fine of \$250,000, or both. Sentencing is scheduled for June 23, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. before U. S. District Judge Dee D. Drell in Alexandria, La.

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

The case was investigated by the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant United States Attorney Alexander C. Van Hook.

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