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**FORMER POLLOCK INMATE CONVICTED OF
ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICER**

ALEXANDRIA, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Johnny Layne, age 30, a federal inmate formerly housed at U. S. Penitentiary in Pollock, La., was convicted yesterday by a federal jury of assault on a federal officer.

Layne was charged by a federal grand jury in May of 2012, in a one-count indictment charging him with assault on a federal corrections officer causing serious bodily injury. The assault took place at USP-Pollock and was caught on video surveillance cameras.

Layne is currently confined at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oakdale, La., with a scheduled release date of May 2027. He could face up to 20 additional years in prison when he is sentenced on March 4, 2013 by Chief U. S. District Judge Dee D. Drell.

U.S. Attorney Finley 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 protect the prison staff and deter inmate assaults with weapons by vigorously prosecuting offenders within the Bureau of Prisons."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Prisons. The case was prosecuted by Senior Litigation Counsel Joseph G. Jarzabek and Special Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert France.

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