

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Case No. 8: 26-cr-98-TPB-NHA

v.

COURTNEY SMITH and  
JOSHUA GALLIMORE

18 U.S.C. § 371  
(Conspiracy to Bribe Public  
Official and to Introduce  
Contraband Into Prison)

18 U.S.C. § 201  
(Acceptance of Bribe by Public  
Official)

18 U.S.C. § 1791  
(Introduction of Contraband  
into Prison)

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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

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INTRODUCTION

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. Citrus County Detention Facility (“CCDF”) was a private jail in the Middle District of Florida. CCDF was a facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the United States Attorney General. Inmates held at CCDF include those awaiting trial and sentencing at the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, as well as inmates awaiting designation with the United States Bureau of Prisons to serve federal prison sentences.

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2. CCDF was intended to be a secure facility. Secure facilities rely on employees with regular access to inmates to help maintain the security of facilities like CCDF. As a secure facility, and pursuant to its agreement with the Attorney General and Florida and federal law, items such as cellular phones are prohibited at CCDF and considered contraband.

3. Written policies at CCDF confirmed this prohibition. For example, CCDF onboarding paperwork signed by employees confirmed that employees were prohibited from the introduction of contraband to CCDF without the United States Government's permission.

4. COURTNEY SMITH was a commissary worker at CCDF. She was a public official as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 201.

5. JOSHUA GALLIMORE was an inmate at CCDF. GALLIMORE was held at CCDF while he had pending federal charges for trafficking fentanyl.

6. Beginning on an unknown date, but no earlier than in or about October 2025 through in or about January 2026, SMITH agreed to smuggle contraband into CCDF for GALLIMORE and other inmates. SMITH used her position at CCDF to smuggle contraband, including a cellular phone to GALLIMORE, into CCDF.

7. In exchange for the smuggling of contraband into CCDF, SMITH solicited and received payments from inmates and associates of those inmates.

8. GALLIMORE directed associates, including Coconspirator 1 and Coconspirator 2, to send payments to SMITH in exchange for her contraband smuggling services.

9. In total, SMITH received at least \$5,700 from GALLIMORE, Coconspirator 1, and Coconspirator 2 in exchange for her smuggling contraband into CCDF.

**COUNT ONE**  
**(Conspiracy to Bribe Public Official and to Introduce Contraband into Prison)**

Paragraphs 1 through 21 of this Indictment are incorporated as though set forth herein.

From an unknown date, but no later than in or around October 3, 2025, and continuing through in or around January 2026, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

COURTNEY SMITH and  
JOSHUA GALLIMORE,

knowingly and willfully conspired, combined, confederated, and agreed together, and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit offenses against the United States, including violations of 18 U.S.C. § 201 and 18 U.S.C. § 1791.

**MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY**

The manner and means by the defendants,

COURTNEY SMITH and  
JOSHUA GALLIMORE,

and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, sought to accomplish the objectives of the conspiracy, which included, among other things, the following:

10. It was part of the conspiracy that GALLIMORE and coconspirators would corruptly give, offer, and promise anything of value to a public official with

the intent to induce such public official to do or omit to do any act in violation of the public official's lawful duty.

11. It was part of the conspiracy that SMITH, being a public official, would corruptly demand, seek, receive, accept, and agree to receive and accept something of value, to wit, money, in return for being induced to do and omit to do an act in violation of SMITH's official duty.

12. It was part of the conspiracy that SMITH, in violation of a statute, rule, and order issued under a statute, including 28 C.F.R. § 6.1, would provide and attempt to provide to an inmate of a prison a prohibited object, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1791(d)(1).

13. It was part of the conspiracy that conspirators would communicate, via jail calls and otherwise, about the smuggling of contraband, including cellular phones, into CCDF.

14. It was part of the conspiracy that conspirators would use their positions at CCDF to smuggle contraband, including cellular phones, into CCDF.

15. It was part of the conspiracy that GALLIMORE and other conspirators would send payments to SMITH to facilitate the introduction of contraband.

#### **OVERT ACTS**

In furtherance of the conspiracy, the defendants,

COURTNEY SMITH and  
JOSHUA GALLIMORE,

and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did commit and cause to be committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere:

16. On or about October 7, 2025, GALLIMORE directed Coconspirator 1 to pay SMITH \$300.

17. On or about October 7, 2025, Coconspirator 1 paid SMITH \$300 via Apple Pay.

18. On or about November 12, 2025, Coconspirator 2 paid SMITH \$610 via Apple Pay.

19. On or about November 18, 2025, SMITH purchased a cellular telephone at GALLIMORE's direction.

20. On an unknown date between November 18, 2025 and November 27, 2025, SMITH caused the cellular phone to enter CCDF.

21. On or about November 18, 2025, GALLIMORE directed Coconspirator 2 to send \$300 to SMITH.

22. On or about November 18, 2025, Coconspirator 2 paid SMITH \$300 via Apple Pay.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

**COUNT TWO**  
**(Acceptance of a Bribe by a Public Official)**

Paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Indictment are incorporated as though set forth herein.

On or about November 18, 2025, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

COURTNEY SMITH,

being a public official, employed as a commissary worker at CCDF, did directly and indirectly, knowingly and corruptly seek and agree to receive and accept anything of value personally in return for being influenced in the performance of any official act and being induced to do and omit to do any act in violation of the official duty of such public official, that is, to introduce contraband into a facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Attorney General for an inmate in return for the payment of monies.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 201(b)(2).

**COUNT THREE**  
**(Introduction of Contraband into Prison)**

Paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Indictment are incorporated as though set forth herein.

On or about a date between November 18, 2025, and November 27, 2025, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendants,

COURTNEY SMITH and  
JOSHUA GALLIMORE,

contrary to 28 C.F.R. § 6.1 and while aiding and abetting each other, provided and attempted to provide a prohibited object, specifically, a phone, to GALLIMORE, an inmate of CCDF, a prison, institution, and facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of and pursuant to a contract and agreement with the Attorney General.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1791(a)(1), (b)(4) and 2.

**FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Two are incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

2. Upon conviction of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 or 18 U.S.C. § 201(b)(2), the defendants shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the offense.

3. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, an order of forfeiture in the amount of at least \$5,750, which constitutes proceeds of the offense.

4. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL,

/Foreperson

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Filed in open court this 18<sup>th</sup> day

of March, 2026.

Lynne Vito  
Clerk

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