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EX-CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SENTENCED FOR SMUGGLING TOBACCO INTO PRISON

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ELIJAH J. MOORE, 27, Terre Haute, IN, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to introduction of contraband tobacco to an inmate at the United States Penitentiary Terre Haute. That crime is a misdemeanor and Chief Judge McKinney imposed the maximum sentence proscribed by law. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

MOORE, a correctional officer employed at the penitentiary at the time, introduced tobacco into the institution on at least three occasions between July and September of 2006. Tobacco products are prohibited in Bureau of Prison facilities and create a substantial illegal market among inmates when introduced. MOORE was paid several hundred dollars by relatives of the inmates for introducing the contraband.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge McKinney also imposed a fine of \$250.

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