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Former Ft. Dix Corrections Officer Admits Distributing Steroids

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TRENTON – A former corrections officer at the Federal Correctional Institution at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, pleaded guilty today to a one-count Information charging him with distributing and possessing with the intent to distribute anabolic steroids, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Heath Wolf, 31, of Riverside Township, worked as a federal corrections officer at the time he sold more than \$3,500 worth of anabolic steroids, which are controlled substances, to two different buyers. Wolf remains free on \$100,000 unsecured appearance bond in connection with these charges.

Wolf admitted before U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper that he made at least six sales of pills and injectable steroids between January 2008 and February 2008, in Willingboro.

During one sale, Wolf accepted \$1,000 cash and purchased steroids over the Internet for the buyer. Wolf also accepted \$2,000 in U.S. Postal Service money orders which he cashed and used to purchase pill and injectable steroids over the internet and which were mailed to a buyer's post office box. Wolf admitted that he purchased some of the anabolic steroids he sold to others over the Internet from persons both within and outside of the United States. He also stated that, in some cases, he used Western Union wire transfers, under fictitious names, to send payments to his steroid suppliers.

The charge to which Wolf pled guilty today, distributing and possessing with intent to distribute anabolic steroids carries a maximum statutory penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Judge Cooper scheduled sentencing for Dec. 10, 2008.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, New York Field Office, under the direction of Inspector General Glen A. Fine and; Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Newark Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard McAleer; Inspectors with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Philadelphia Division, under the direction of U.S. Postal Inspector in Charge Theresa Thome, and officers with the Willingboro Township Police Department, with the investigation that resulted in today's guilty plea.

Christie also credited Assistant U.S. Attorney Hope Olds of the Office's Special Prosecutions Division, who is prosecuting this case.

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