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JAIL GUARD SENTENCED FOR BRIBERY

Atlanta, GA - Former City Corrections Officer NATHANIEL GRAY, 42, of College Park, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Beverly B. Martin on charges of attempting to provide contraband to an inmate and accepting a bribe in return for bringing contraband to the Atlanta City Detention Center.

“This jail guard was entrusted with maintaining order and discipline among inmates, many of whom have been charged with or convicted of violent crimes,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “The introduction of contraband into a prison threatens that order and discipline, and it creates danger for other inmates and guards. Gray put his own selfish interests ahead of fulfilling his duty as a sworn law enforcement officer. Today’s sentence reaffirms that officials who betray the public trust will be punished.”

GRAY was sentenced to 1 year, 1 day in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and ordered to perform 80 hours of community service. GRAY was convicted on August 24, 2006, when he pleaded guilty to these charges.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: NATHANIEL GRAY was a corrections officer with the City of Atlanta Department of Corrections. GRAY was assigned to the Atlanta City Detention Center (“ACDC”), which has a contract with the federal government to house persons charged with federal crimes. In March 2006, the FBI was contacted by a person stating that GRAY was willing to bring contraband into the ACDC in exchange for money. Working with the FBI, the informant contacted GRAY about bringing alcohol and a cell phone into the ACDC for a designated prisoner. On March 17, 2006, GRAY called the informant and told her to meet him in the parking lot of a fast-food restaurant near the prison. The informant met GRAY and gave him the cell phone and the alcohol. She also gave him \$50 in exchange for taking the items into the prison. GRAY returned to the ACDC shortly afterwards and was arrested after carrying the contraband past a secured area.

The investigation continued after GRAY's arrest. It revealed that Gray had brought additional contraband into the ACDC on prior occasions. The contraband included cell phones, drugs, and pornography.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Paul Jones prosecuted the case.

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