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FORMER EMPLOYEE AT ATLANTA HALFWAY HOUSE SENTENCED FOR SOLICITING AND TAKING BRIBES FROM A FEDERAL INMATE

Atlanta, GA - TERRENCE CLAY, 30, of Atlanta, Georgia, a former employee with the Atlanta-based Correctional Center Dismas Charities, Inc., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Richard W. Story to one year in prison for soliciting and taking bribes from a federal inmate.

According to United States Attorney David E. Nahmias, "Corruption by those who administer our prisons and other correctional institutions undermines the safety of everyone in those institutions, and further undermines the critical role they play in deterring and rehabilitating criminals. Today's sentence should send the message that these serious crimes will continue to be prosecuted and punished."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: CLAY worked as a resident monitor at Dismas Charities in Atlanta, which operates a correctional center commonly referred to as a halfway house. CLAY resigned shortly before he was charged. Dismas operates under a contract with the United States Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") to house federal prisoners who have been allowed to serve all or part of their sentence in the less restrictive environment of a halfway house. Among other liberties, prisoners in the halfway house are typically allowed out of confinement during work days so that they may seek and maintain employment.

On at least two occasions in late 2007, CLAY solicited and received cash bribes from an inmate totaling approximately \$1,000. CLAY promised favors in exchange for the bribes, and also promised not to report the inmate for supposed curfew and other violations if the inmate paid the bribes.

In April 2008, CLAY was charged in a Criminal Information. He pleaded guilty to the Information on April 29, 2008. Today he was sentenced to 12 months and 1 day in prison, 2 years of supervised release, and a \$1,000 fine.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Inspector General's Office of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Assistant United States Attorney Justin S. Anand prosecuted the case.

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