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RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVE PLEADS GUILTY TO CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan and Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, United States Department of Justice, announced today, May 14, 2009, that Charles Metcalf, age 46, a Detective with the Richland County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (Cleveland) to a one-count information charging him with violating the civil rights of a Mansfield, Ohio, resident by falsely testifying on July 14, 2006, that he had observed the individual at a drug deal which had taken place in Mansfield on September 20, 2005.

The plea, entered before U.S. District Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr., was in conjunction with an investigation conducted by the Office of Inspector General into a series of law enforcement controlled drug buys conducted in Mansfield during the Summer and Fall of 2005.

In a separate indictment unsealed yesterday, it was alleged that DEA Special Agent Lee Michael Lucas, responsible for overseeing the controlled buys, placed false information in his reports, committed perjury, and withheld evidence favorable to an accused in conjunction with this same series of buys.

Judge Oliver scheduled sentencing for November 9, 2009. The defendant is subject to a possible penalty of one year incarceration and a fine of \$100,000.

The investigation was conducted by Office of the Inspector General, Chicago Field Office Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kimberly Thomas and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Professional Responsibility. Assistant United States Attorneys Bruce J. Teitelbaum and Michael A. Comber of the Western District of Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh Office) have been designated by the Attorney General to coordinate the prosecution of this matter in the Northern District of Ohio.