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**FORMER MOUNT JULIET POLICE SERGEANT PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL
PROGRAM FRAUD AND WIRE FRAUD**

17-Year Veteran Was Paid More Than \$13,000 for Overtime That He Did Not Work

NASHVILLE, Tenn., - July 23, 2015 – Jason Ezell, 40, of Lebanon, Tenn., pleaded guilty today before Chief U.S. District Judge Kevin H. Sharp, to federal program fraud and wire fraud, announced David Rivera, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Ezell was charged on July 10, 2015, with fraudulently preparing time cards and submitting fraudulent overtime logs, falsely claiming that he worked more than 500 hours of overtime in support of and assisting in federal Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigations during the period of January 2013 through April 2015. During that time, Ezell was a sergeant with the Mount Juliet Police Department and supervised the Crime Suppression Unit.

According to the terms of the plea agreement, the Government will seek a prison term of between 8-14 months and restitution in the amount of \$13,100 when he returns for sentencing on November 9, 2015.

This case was investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; the FBI; the District Attorney's Office for the 19th Judicial District; and the DOJ-Office of Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas J. Jaworski is prosecuting the case.

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