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Prison Guard Convicted of Having Sex with Inmate

HOUSTON - A former prison guard at the Federal Detention Center in Houston has entered a guilty plea to one count of sexual abuse of a ward, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson.

Samuel Hawkins, 51, of Houston, was charged by criminal information with engaging in a sexual relationship with an inmate while he was employed as a correctional officer. On or about Nov. 15, 2015, Hawkins did knowingly engage in a sexual act with an inmate who was officially detained at the Federal Detention Center.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake accepted the plea today and has set sentencing for July 27, 2016. At that time, he faces up to 15 years in federal prison and a possible \$250,000 fine. He was permitted to remain on bond pending that hearing.

The charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andrew Leuchtman and Ruben R. Perez are prosecuting the case.

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