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Former Prison Guard Sentenced to Prison for Having Sex with Inmates

HOUSTON – A former correctional officer has been ordered to federal prison following his conviction of sexual abuse of a ward, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson. James Graves, 45, pleaded guilty May 2, 2016, admitting he engaged in a sexual relationship with two inmates while he was employed at the Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Bryan.

Today, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake ordered Graves serve a total sentence of 21 months in federal prison to be immediately followed by 10 years of supervised release. He was further ordered to register as a sex offender.

During the summer of 2014, Graves engaged in multiple sex acts with an inmate at FPC on more than one occasion. She reported the incidents to authorities and advised she believed he had done so with another inmate as well.

The second woman denied any sexual contact with Graves, but he ultimately admitted to the sexual encounters with both women while they were inmates under his control.

The Department of Justice – Office of Inspector General conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Ruben R. Perez and Jill Stotts prosecuted the case.