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Former Correctional Officer Sentenced for Smuggling Drugs Into Federal Prison

Columbia, South Carolina----- Acting United States Attorney Beth Drake stated today that Anthony Jermaine Creech, age 39, of Varnville, SC, was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Charleston, South Carolina, for providing marijuana to inmates at Estill Federal Correction Institution. United States District Judge Richard M. Gergel of Charleston sentenced Creech to six months imprisonment to be followed by six months home confinement and one year of supervised release.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that on January 8, 2015, Creech, while working as a correctional officer at Estill F.C.I., delivered one ounce of marijuana to an inmate at the prison. When confronted by authorities, Creech admitted to smuggling in marijuana and other contraband to inmates in exchange for money.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

and the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorney Nick Bianchi of the Charleston office prosecuted the case.

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