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Former Federal Corrections Officer Sentenced for Accepting Bribes

Jackson, Miss - James P. Cheatham III, a former federal corrections officer, was sentenced today to accepting bribes to introduce contraband into the federal correctional facility in Yazoo County, Mississippi, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Harold Brittain and Special Agent in Charge Robert Bourbon of the DOJ OIG's Miami Field Office. Cheatham is scheduled was sentence by United States District Judge Daniel P. Jordan, III., to a term of 15 months in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$1,500 fine.

Cheatham, age 24, of Brandon, Mississippi was charged in a one-count federal indictment with a violation of Title 18 USC 201(b)(2)(C) – being a public official providing to an inmate a prohibited object.

“Greed and corruption have no place in our criminal justice system,” stated Special Agent in Charge Robert Bourbon of the DOJ OIG's Miami Field Office. “We want to thank our law enforcement partners for their continued efforts to ensure that individuals who abuse their position are vigorously investigated, prosecuted, and punished.”

The case was investigated by the Department of Justice-Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Erin Chalk.

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