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PORT ARTHUR WOMAN SENTENCED FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES

(TYLER, TX) United States Attorney Rebecca A. Gregory announced today that a 32 year-old Port Arthur, Texas woman has been sentenced to 22 months in federal prison for accepting bribes in the Eastern District of Texas.

SHAMEEK FILLS, was convicted during trial on February 28, 2008, of two counts of receiving bribes while she was serving as a Correctional Officer at the Federal Correctional Complex in Beaumont, Texas. Fills was sentenced May 19, 2008 by United States District Judge Ron Clark.

According to information presented in court, Fills received money in return for introducing tobacco into the institution. The Federal Bureau of Prisons has prohibited tobacco since 2005, and it has been considered a contraband item since that time. Fills received money from the inmates at a post office box in Baytown, Texas. Relatives of the inmates forwarded payments to Fills at that address. Fills was taken into the custody of the United States Marshals following her sentencing hearing.

This case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dave Henderson.

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