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FORMER FEDERAL CORRECTIONS OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING BRIBES

CAMDEN, N.J. – A former corrections officer with the Federal Bureau of Prisons today admitted accepting \$3,600 in bribes in exchange for smuggling contraband in and out of the Federal Correctional Institution in Fairton, N.J.

Job Brown, 39, of Bridgeton, N.J., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Renée Marie Bumb to an Information charging him with one count of receipt of bribes by a public official.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

Brown, a federal correctional officer at FCI-Fairton, was responsible for supervising inmates while enforcing the rules governing the operation of the facility. Between January 2012 and March 14, 2012, he accepted two separate cash payments – \$1,100 and \$2,500 – in exchange for using his position to smuggle tobacco and vitamin supplements to a prisoner inside the facility. Brown also smuggled approximately 900 U.S. postage stamps out of the facility for the same inmate's benefit. Tobacco is prohibited at FCI-Fairton, and inmates are also not allowed to possess more than 60 United States postage stamps, or vitamin supplements, which are not purchased through the prison commissary.

The bribery count to which Brown pleaded guilty is punishable by a maximum potential penalty of 15 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. Brown could also be permanently disqualified from holding any office of honor, trust, or profit in the United States. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 18, 2012.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, in Newark; and special agents of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James E. Tomlinson, in New York, with the investigation leading to today's guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew J. Skahill of the U.S. Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division in Camden.

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