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FORMER PRISON GUARD SENTENCED FOR FORCING SEX ON AN INMATE

PHILADELPHIA - Richard Spisak, 35, of Warrington, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today to 32 months in prison for engaging in a sexual act with a ward. Spisak was a Senior Corrections Specialist at the Philadelphia Detention Center on January 5, 2010 when he engaged in a sexual act with a male prisoner over whom he had disciplinary authority. Spisak forced victim-inmate to perform oral sex upon him by threatening to set off his body alarm and falsely report that the inmate had attacked him if the inmate did not engage in sexual activity with him. The victim acquiesced after the defendant's threats. Spisak pleaded guilty to the single count indictment on March 19, 2012. He resigned his job within the Bureau of Prisons when investigators sought to question him regarding the assault. Two other inmates testified at the sentencing hearing that Spisak victimized them in a similar manner.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Paul S. Diamond ordered three years of supervised release, a \$5,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rotella.

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