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CORRECTIONS OFFICER AND HIS CO-CONSPIRATOR
SENTENCED FOR THEIR ROLES IN SCHEME TO SMUGGLE
CONTRABAND INTO FEDERAL CORRECTIONS CENTER

GREENVILLE - United States Attorney Thomas G. Walker announced that in federal court today Senior United States District Judge Malcolm J. Howard sentenced **CLYON HINNANT**, 39, of Raleigh, North Carolina, to 48 months imprisonment followed by three years supervised release. A co-conspirator, **TRINA RICHARDSON**, was also sentenced to two years probation.

HINNANT pleaded guilty to a Criminal Information filed on November 21, 2011, charging **HINNANT** with accepting bribes, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 201 and conspiring to commit wire fraud and mail fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349. On May 8, 2012, **RICHARDSON** pled guilty to conspiring to commit bribery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 201(b)(1)(C) and wire fraud relating to the deprivation of honest services by a public official, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346.

The investigation revealed that from January, 2011, up to and including October, 2011, **HINNANT** was a Senior Corrections Officer at the Federal Correctional Complex in Butner, North Carolina (FCC-Butner). While **HINNANT** was employed there, a co-conspirator, who was an inmate at that facility, directed other inmates to send money, via Western Union or the United States Postal Service, to co-conspirators in North Carolina and Virginia. These co-conspirators would deliver the money to **HINNANT** as bribes to **HINNANT** and in return **HINNANT** smuggled contraband into FCC-Butner. This contraband included cigarettes and marijuana.

RICHARDSON's role was to gather the money sent by various inmates. After gathering the money, she would then travel to FCC-Butner and pay the bribe money to **HINNANT** so that **HINNANT** could then smuggle in the contraband.

Investigation of this case was conducted by the United States Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorney Rudy E. Renfer represented the government.

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