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**CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION EMPLOYEE SENTENCED ON BRIBERY
RELATED OFFENSE**

RALEIGH - United States Attorney Thomas G. Walker announced today **RHONDA BOYD**, 28, a former correctional officer at the Rivers Correctional Institution, Winton, North Carolina, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Louise W. Flanagan to 20 months imprisonment, to be followed by 2 years of supervised release.

The investigation revealed that **BOYD**, while employed as a correctional officer at the Rivers Correctional Institution, conspired to commit bribery in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Sections 371. The evidence showed that for approximately 6 months in 2011 and 2012, **BOYD** accepted payments from inmates within the facility in return for smuggling in contraband items such as cell phones and cigarettes.

Investigation of this case was conducted by the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance provided by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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