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**FORMER FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER
PLEAS GUILTY TO SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH INMATE**

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA -- Angel Santiago, 43, of Ambrose, Georgia, pleaded guilty today to knowingly engaging in a sexual act with a federal prisoner. The plea was announced by Pamela C. Marsh, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, and Teresa M. Gulotta-Powers, Special Agent in Charge, United States Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, Miami Field Office.

Plea documents reflect that, while working as a correctional officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee, Santiago developed a romantic relationship with a female inmate. Several times a month between 2010 and 2012, Santiago would enter the inmate's cell in the early morning hours and have sexual intercourse with her.

Santiago faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in federal prison. He is also subject to a term of supervised release of five years to life. Sentencing will be held July 10, 2014, in federal district court in Tallahassee.

The case was investigated by the United States Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Rhew-Miller.

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