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Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, today announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Cleveland, Ohio, returned a one-count indictment charging Nicole White, age 34, of Boardman, Ohio, with sexual abuse of a ward.

The indictment charges that on or about October 2013, White, who was a Correctional Counselor at the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center, engaged and attempted to engage in sexual acts with a federal inmate at the facility.

If convicted, the defendant's sentence will be determined by the Court after review of factors unique to this case, including the defendant's prior criminal record, if any, the defendant's role in the offense and the characteristics of the violations. In all cases, the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and, in most cases, it will be less than the maximum.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and the Bureau of Prisons. The matter is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David M. Toepfer.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.