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Texarkana Federal Prison Employee Guilty of Having Sex with an Inmate

TEXARKANA, Texas – A 38-year-old Texarkana, Texas woman has pleaded guilty to federal charges in the Eastern District of Texas, announced U.S. Attorney John M. Bales today.

Shelonda Chares pleaded guilty to an Information charging her with sexual abuse of a ward today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Caroline Craven.

According to information presented in court, on June 1, 2014, Chares, while employed as a Bureau of Prisons Case Manager at the Federal Correctional Institution in Texarkana, engaged in a sexual act with a federal inmate detained at the facility.

Chares faces up to 15 years in federal prison at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Office of Inspector General and the Bureau of Prisons and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan Locker.

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