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Wyatt Detention Center Correctional Officer Sentenced for Accepting Payment to Deliver Contraband to an Inmate

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Scott William Allen Denton, 32, of Warwick, a former correctional officer and employee at the Wyatt Detention Center in Central Falls, R.I., was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Providence on Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge John J. McConnell, Jr., to three years probation and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service for accepting \$500 in cash payments to deliver contraband to an inmate.

Denton pleaded guilty on March 6, 2015, to one count of bribery by a public official. Denton has resigned from his position at the Wyatt Detention Center.

Denton's sentence is announced by United States Attorney Peter F. Neronha and Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Special Agent in Charge Ronald G. Gardella, New York Field Office.

At the time of his guilty plea, Denton admitted to the court that he agreed to accept \$500 in cash payments from an inmate's family to deliver pills and pornography to the inmate. Denton admitted that he delivered the contraband after the inmate's wife made a \$200 cash deposit into his bank account on March 7, 2013, and a \$300 cash deposit on May 17, 2013.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerard B. Sullivan.

The matter was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General.

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