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FORMER TERRE HAUTE PRISON GUARD SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS – Josh J. Minkler, United States Attorney, announced today that Edward B. Tunwar, 55, was sentenced to prison today by U.S. District Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson for his role in smuggling contraband into the United States Penitentiary in Terre Haute.

Tunwar was employed as a correctional officer at the United States Penitentiary in Terre Haute from June 2013 through December 16, 2013. During that time, Tunwar supervised the operations of the kitchen in the penitentiary. While working in the kitchen, Tunwar provided a federal inmate with multiple cellular telephones and 130 packs of tobacco. On December 9, 2013, Tunwar smuggled an ounce of heroin into the penitentiary and delivered it to another federal inmate. Prison guards at the penitentiary seized the heroin inside of the prison.

Tunwar was sentenced to 52 months imprisonment following his guilty plea to providing contraband in prison. Tunwar was also fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one year of supervised release.

The investigation into Tunwar's illegal activity was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General.
