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## Former Corrections Officer Indicted on Bribery Charges

A former correctional officer has been indicted by a federal grand jury with bribery for allegedly soliciting and receiving money from inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Michigan, announced United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade.

McQuade was joined in the announcement by David Gelios, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit Division and John F. Oleskowicz, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General.

Indicted was John Jake Froehly, 36, of Newport, Michigan. Froehly was arraigned today in federal court and was released on bond.

According to the indictment, in July 2013, Froehly, a public official, accepted money for smuggling contraband items into FCI Milan. Also, in October 2013, Froehly accepted money in exchange for promising to assist an inmate in obtaining a transfer to a lower security Bureau of Prisons facility.

If convicted of these offenses, Froehly faces a maximum term of 15 years in prison. The charges in the indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Frances Lee Carlson is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.