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**FEDERAL PRISON EMPLOYEE WHO SMUGGLED PHONES INTO
PRISON PLEADS GUILTY**

John H. Durham, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that ERIC WILLIAMS, 38, of Danbury, pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Victor A. Bolden in Bridgeport to one count of providing contraband in prison.

According to court documents and statements made in court, Williams worked in the Food Service Department at the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury (FCI Danbury). On July 9, 2017, Williams attempted to smuggle four mobile phones and an electric beard trimmer into the prison by hiding the items in his hat as he entered the facility through the staff entrance. When a corrections officer arrived at the staff entrance to screen Williams for admission into the facility, Williams abandoned the attempt and left his hat containing the contraband in the entrance area. When a supervisory officer found the hat and asked Williams if it belonged to him, Williams denied that it was his hat.

Williams was arrested on July 20, 2018 and is released on a \$50,000 bond.

At sentencing, Williams faces a maximum term of imprisonment of six months and a fine of up to \$5,000. A sentencing date is not scheduled.

This matter is being investigated by the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation with cooperation from

the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Marc H. Silverman and Maria del Pilar Gonzalez.

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