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## FORMER FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SENTENCED FOR BRIBERY CHARGE

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that 42-year-old Booker T. Conley, Jr., of Austin, was sentenced today to two years in federal prison as a result of his guilty plea to seeking and accepting bribes for smuggling contraband into the Federal Correctional Institution located in Bastrop, Texas.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Sam Sparks ordered that Conley serve a term of supervised release for 3 years after his release from prison and pay a \$3,600 fine.

According to court records, from July 2006 through December 2007, while Conley was employed as a Correctional Officer at the Federal Correctional Institution–Bastrop, Conley smuggled contraband tobacco products into the prison facility, provided it to one or more inmates, and received more than \$1,000 in bribes for his efforts.

This case was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin.

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