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LEV L. DASSIN, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and JAMES E. TOMLINSON, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General ("DOJ-OIG"), announced today that DWAYNE SANDERS, a Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") Senior Correctional Officer at the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") in Brooklyn, New York, was indicted on one count of accepting bribes from a federal inmate. SANDERS surrendered this morning to agents of the DOJ-OIG. According to the Indictment filed in Manhattan federal court:

From July 2005 through August 2005, while serving as a Correctional Officer, SANDERS accepted more than \$1,000 in bribes, which were wired to him from the Bronx, in exchange for providing an inmate with cigarettes, which are prohibited for all MDC inmates.

SANDERS, 34, is charged with one count of accepting something of value in return for acting in violation of his official duty. He faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. SANDERS is expected to be arraigned today before United States Magistrate Judge DOUGLAS F. EATON. The case has been assigned to United States District Judge GEORGE B. DANIELS.

Mr. DASSIN praised the work of the DOJ-OIG and the BOP Office of Internal Affairs in the investigation of this case.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorney RUA M. KELLY is in charge of the prosecution.

The charge contained in the Indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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