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**ATF AGENT PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING MONEY DURING SEARCH**

Steven Campbell, age 32, a former special agent with the Cleveland Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), pleaded guilty today to converting to his own use money seized during the execution of a federal search warrant, announced United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara L. McQuade.

The guilty plea took place before United States Magistrate Judge Gregory White in Cleveland.

Information presented to the court at the time of the plea established that on October 18, 2010, while executing a federal search warrant at a suspected drug house, Campbell stole, and concealed on his person, approximately \$46,785 in cash that was recovered during the search. An affidavit previously issued explained that Campbell secreted the cash in various places in his clothing, but was caught when another federal agent observed the theft in progress.

Under the statute, Campbell faces a sentence of up to ten years in prison. According to the plea agreement entered into by the parties, the United States Sentencing Guidelines for this offense recommend a sentence of between 10 and 16 months in custody. Campbell is scheduled to be sentenced on March 16.

The investigation of this case has been conducted by the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General, and the Internal Affairs Division of the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, and Firearms. The case is being prosecuted by the US Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of Michigan because the US Attorneys Office for the Northern District of Ohio is recused from the case.