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## FEDERAL PRISON EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH PUBLIC CORRUPTION CRIMES

MADISON, WIS. – John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictment today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Amy Ziemann, 43, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., is charged in an eight-count indictment with public corruption crimes. The indictment alleges that from July 2013 to February 2014, Ziemann, while an employee of the Federal Correctional Institution at Oxford, Wis., conspired to provide prohibited items to an inmate of the prison. The indictment alleges that she brought tobacco into FCI-Oxford for the inmate to use and sell to other inmates, that she provided pornography, clothing and food items to the inmate, and that she coordinated the use of her office phone by another inmate to arrange for payments from the in-prison sale of tobacco.

The indictment also alleges that she provided prohibited items to an inmate, including a wireless remote control for a sexual stimulation device, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco. Ziemann is also charged with engaging in sexual acts and sexual contact with an inmate. The sixth count of the indictment charges Ziemann with making false statements to investigators, and the seventh count alleges that Ziemann accepted a \$200 bribe to smuggle contraband into FCI-Oxford. The eighth count of the indictment alleges that Ziemann attempted to persuade another individual to testify falsely about this matter before a federal grand jury.

If convicted, Ziemann faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on the most serious charge. The charges against her are the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, with the cooperation of personnel from FCI-Oxford. The prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Burke.

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