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Bureau of Prisons Employee Sentenced for Providing Marijuana to Prisoner

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA – Cody Tyler Layman of Terra Alta, West Virginia, was sentenced today to eight months incarceration for providing an inmate with marijuana, Acting United States Attorney Betsy Steinfeld Jividen and Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Special Agent-in-Charge Michael P. Tompkins announced.

Layman, age 32, pled guilty to one count of “Introduction of a Prohibited Object - Marijuana” in April 2017. Layman admitted to providing an inmate with marijuana at the United States Penitentiary Hazelton on August 27, 2016.

“The introduction of contraband into our facilities is an issue of critical concern,” said Acting United States Attorney Betsy Jividen, “as it places both staff and population at significant risk of harm. When the contraband is introduced by an officer, who is empowered with a position of trust and authority, the violation is an egregious affront to the rule of law, and to the thousands of correctional workers everywhere who serve at great personal risk and peril for the greater good of all.”

Layman resigned from his position at the USP during the investigation.

“Corruption of those who work in our prisons undermines the public’s faith in the criminal justice system,” stated Office of the Inspector General Special Agent-in-Charge Michael P. Tompkins. “The OIG is committed to investigating these cases to help ensure that those who engage in corruption and misconduct are brought to justice.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew R. Cogar prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General investigated.

Senior U.S. District Judge Irene M. Keeley presided.

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