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**Former Corrections Counselor Pleads Guilty to Accepting  
Bribes from Federal Prisoners**

Natchez, Miss. – Kellie Fuqua, 57, of Roxie, Mississippi, and a former corrections counselor at the Adams County Correctional Center, pled guilty today before Senior U.S. District Judge David Bramlette III to accepting bribes from federal prisoners in exchange for introducing contraband into the facility, announced U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst and James Boyersmith, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Miami Field Office.

Fuqua was charged in a one-count Criminal Information with being a public official receiving money in exchange for providing contraband to federal prisoners.

Fuqua is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Bramlette on October 1, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in Natchez. She faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dave Fulcher.