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FORMER YAZOO FEDERAL PRISON GUARD SENTENCED FOR ACCEPTING BRIBE

Natchez, Miss – Robert Kale Johnson, 38, of Benton, Mississippi, was sentenced in U.S. District Court today to serve 15 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for accepting a \$5,000 bribe while working as a prison guard at the Yazoo Federal Correction Complex in Yazoo, Mississippi, announced U.S. Attorney Gregory K. Davis and Teresa M. Gulotta-Powers, Special Agent in Charge of the DOJ Office of Inspector General. Johnson was also ordered to pay a \$1,500.00 fine.

During his guilty plea on November 19, 2012, Johnson admitted accepting the bribe while employed as a corrections officer and using his official position to bring contraband to inmates.

Special Agent in Charge T.M. Gulotta-Powers of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, Miami Field Office, stated, “The integrity of our federal prison system depends upon the honesty and commitment to duty of correctional personnel. DOJ OIG will continue to partner with the U.S. Attorney’s Offices and the Federal Bureau of Prisons to aggressively pursue breaches of those duties by correctional officers who put their own financial gain above the security of our institutions.”

U.S. Attorney Davis praised the efforts of the DOJ Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Prisons Office of Internal Affairs who investigated the case, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Helen Wall who prosecuted the case.

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