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FEDERAL PRISON GUARD CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ACTS WITH AN INMATE AND ATTEMPTING TO AID AN ESCAPE

PHILADELPHIA - Lamont Lucas, 47, of Philadelphia, PA, was charged by indictment [Note:1], unsealed today, with sexual abuse of a ward, providing contraband in a prison, and instigating or assisting an attempted escape, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Lucas was arrested this morning.

According to the indictment, between February 2012 and May 2012, while working as a guard at the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia, Lucas engaged in sexual acts with the inmate. It is further alleged that Lucas gave the inmate sterling silver earrings and assisted in an attempted escape by the inmate.

If convicted of all charges, Lucas faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 ½ years in prison.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Inspector General with the assistance of the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney A. Nicole Phillips.

1 An Indictment/ Information/Criminal Complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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