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Former FCI-Miami Correctional Officer Involved in Bribery Scheme Sentenced to 70 Months' Imprisonment

Miami, Fl. -- A former federal correctional officer was sentenced today to 70 months in prison for sneaking contraband items into the Miami prison where he worked and distributing them to inmates in exchange for bribe money.

From as early as December 2018 through September 2019, Victor Manuel DeJesus ("DeJesus"), 48, used his official position as a correctional officer at FCI-Miami federal prison to bring prohibited items, including controlled substances, cellular telephones, and SIM cards, into the prison and distribute them to inmates who lived there. In exchange for this service, DeJesus accepted bribe payments from inmates and their associates. DeJesus used inmate co-conspirators to distribute the contraband within FCI-Miami.

In connection with this criminal conduct, DeJesus pled guilty earlier this year to conspiracy, bribery, and other charges.

Ariana Fajardo Orshan, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, George Piro, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Miami Field Office, and James F. Boyersmith, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, Miami Field Office, made the announcement.

U.S. Attorney Fajardo Orshan commended the investigatory efforts of the FBI, Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, the United States Postal Service, and the Bureau of Prisons in this matter. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alejandra L. López prosecuted this case.

You may find a copy of this press release on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida at www.usdoj.gov/usao/fls.

You may find related court documents and information on the website of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida at www.flsd.uscourts.gov or on <http://pacer.flsd.uscourts.gov>, under case number 19-cr-20660-RNS.

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