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## **Correctional officer sentenced for sexual abuse of a ward, accepting bribes and smuggling contraband into the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center**

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget M. Brennan announced that Barbara Davis, 47, of Youngstown, Ohio, was sentenced to five months imprisonment and five months of home confinement by U.S. Judge Sara Lioi. Davis, a former Northeast Ohio Correction Center (NEOCC) correctional officer, pleaded guilty in January of 2021 to sexual abuse of a ward, accepting bribes and providing a cell phone and tobacco to an inmate.

“Exploiting a position of trust by sexually abusing an inmate and receiving bribe payoffs for smuggling contraband into a correction center threatens to undermine the public’s trust in our criminal justice system,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget M. Brennan. “Let this matter be a reminder to the public that anyone who seeks to harm and exploit inmates or detainees can and will be held accountable.”

“Davis sexually abused an inmate and accepted bribes for smuggling contraband into a federal prison. Today’s sentencing shows that when correctional officers abuse their authority, the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General will ensure they are held accountable,” said William J. Hannah, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Chicago Field Office.

According to court documents, from on or about November 13, 2017, to November 7, 2018, Davis engaged in sexual conduct with an inmate at the NEOCC. During this same time, Davis smuggled contraband, specifically a cell phone and tobacco, to the inmate at the NEOCC. In return, Davis received payments made from other parties through a mobile payment application.

This investigation was conducted by the Cleveland Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin Seabury Gould.

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