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Former Federal Corrections Officer Sentenced for Bribery

Jackson, Miss. – A former federal corrections officer from Lauderdale County, Mississippi, was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for bribery, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Darren J. LaMarca and James Boyersmith, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General.

According to court documents, in approximately July 2018, Ashley Lovett began accepting payments in exchange for smuggling contraband into the Federal Prison in Yazoo County, Mississippi, where she was employed as a corrections officer. Lovett was paid approximately seven thousand dollars by inmates and others for delivering the contraband to inmates inside the facility.

Lovett was indicted and pled guilty to accepting bribe payments in exchange for bringing contraband items into the Yazoo City Federal Corrections Complex.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Criminal Chief Dave Fulcher.