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## **Former Federal Corrections Officer Sentenced To 20 Months In For Plan To Smuggle Drugs Into Prison**

Ocala, FL – Senior United States District Judge John Antoon II has sentenced Wayne Grant, Jr. (28, Orlando) to 20 months in federal prison for receipt of a bribe by a public official. Grant had pleaded guilty on September 7, 2021.

According to court documents, Grant worked as a corrections officer at the Coleman Federal Correctional Complex (FCC Coleman) in Sumter County. In December 2020, Grant agreed to smuggle methamphetamine into the prison for an inmate in exchange for money. Once federal authorities were notified, Grant unwittingly began communicating with an undercover agent to complete the transaction. Federal agents mailed approximately 70 grams of fake methamphetamine and \$2,000 in money orders to Grant. Agents observed Grant retrieving the package from his post office box, and he subsequently deposited the money orders into his bank account. During his assigned shift on February 4, 2021, Grant smuggled the contraband into FCC Coleman and provided it to an inmate.

This case was investigated by the Department of Justice – Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tyrie Boyer.