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**FORMER TALLAHASSEE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER INDICTED FOR
BRIBERY AND INTRODUCTION OF CONTRABAND INTO A FEDERAL PRISON**

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA – Jared Anderson, 26, of Tallahassee, Florida, was indicted by a federal grand jury on counts of bribery and introduction of contraband into a federal prison, announced Jason Coody, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, and James F. Boyersmith, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Miami Field Office. Anderson made his initial appearance on December 17, 2021, in federal court to face the charges.

The indictment alleges that, between September and November 2021, while employed as a U.S. Bureau of Prisons Correctional Officer at the Federal Detention Center Tallahassee, Anderson accepted a bribe in exchange for smuggling synthetic cannabinoids into the detention center. The indictment further alleges that Anderson provided the synthetic cannabinoids to an inmate. Anderson faces up to 25 years' imprisonment on the charged crimes.

An indictment is merely an allegation by a grand jury that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

The case was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lazaro P. Fields.

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