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Correctional Officer Pleads Guilty to Accepting Bribes and Smuggling Contraband into NEOCC

CLEVELAND – A Northeast Ohio Correctional Center (NEOCC) correctional officer pleaded guilty on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, to accepting bribes in return for supplying marijuana, tobacco, and narcotics to inmates at the facility.

According to court documents, from February 2017 to July 2019, Terry Terrigno, 30, of Canfield, Ohio, maintained a post-office box and regularly received portions of tobacco, marijuana, and Suboxone through the mail from the associates of inmates entrusted to his care.

Court documents state that Terrigno then smuggled the contraband into the NEOCC and redistributed it to the inmates in his care. In return, Terrigno received electronic bribery payments made through a mobile phone application.

In total, Terrigno received more than \$8,650 in bribery payments.

This case was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (DOJ OIG) and the Cleveland FBI. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin Seabury Gould.

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