

# Former FMC Prison Guard Pleads Guilty to Sexual Abuse of a Ward

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Kentucky

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** – A Lexington man, Gregory D. Barrett, 51, pleaded guilty on Friday, before Chief U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves, to sexual abuse of a ward.

According to his plea agreement, beginning on June 22, 2022 through July 5, 2022, while employed as a Senior Officer Specialist at the Federal Medical Center in Lexington, Barrett knowingly engaged in a sexual act with an inmate. The plea agreement also explains that Barrett later threatened and intimidated another inmate who was aware of his crime and could be a witness against him.

Carlton S. Shier, IV, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; and William J. Hannah, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, Chicago Field Office, jointly announced the guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by DOJ-OIG. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Zach Dembo.

Barrett is scheduled to be sentenced on December 15. He faces a maximum of 15 years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine. However, any sentence will be imposed by the Court, after its consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.