

PRESS RELEASE

Ninth And Tenth FCI Dublin Correctional Officers Charged With Sexual Abuse Of Female Inmates

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OAKLAND – Two former correctional officers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, Calif., Jeffrey Wilson and Lawrence Gacad, were charged yesterday by information with sexual abuse of female inmates. Wilson and Gacad are the ninth and tenth correctional officers to be charged in connection with the wide-ranging investigation into sexual abuse of inmates at the federal prison.

Wilson, 34, is charged with five counts of sexual abuse of a ward related to his alleged abuse of an FCI Dublin inmate, C.S. The information alleges that Wilson engaged in sexual abuse of the victim on multiple occasions between March 14, 2022, and Aug. 16, 2022. The acts allegedly occurred in a medical room at FCI Dublin. Wilson is also charged with falsely telling federal agents that he had never had sexual contact with C.S. and that he had never given her contraband while she was an inmate at FCI Dublin.

Gacad, 33, is charged with one count of abusive sexual contact related to his alleged abuse of an FCI Dublin inmate, S.L., between March 1, 2022, and June 14, 2022.

United States Attorney Craig H. Missakian, Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (DOJ OIG) Acting Special Agent in Charge Jeremy Hunt, and FBI Special Agent in Charge Sanjay Virmani made the announcement.

As part of the Department of Justice's ongoing investigation into FCI Dublin, 10 FCI Dublin correctional officers have been charged with crimes related to the sexual abuse of the female prisoners at the facility. The status of these cases is below:

Defendant	Case Number	Status
Warden Ray J. Garcia	4:21-cr-00429-YGR	Convicted on all counts by jury on Dec. 8, 2022; sentenced to 70 months in prison
CO John Bellhouse	4:22-cr-00066-YGR	Convicted on all counts by jury on June 5, 2023; sentenced to 63 months in prison
Chaplain James Highhouse	4:22-cr-00016-HSG	Pleaded guilty on Feb. 24, 2022; sentenced to 84 months in prison
CO Enrique Chavez	4:22-cr-00104-YGR	Pleaded guilty on Oct. 27, 2022; sentenced to 20 months in prison
CO Ross Klinger	4:22-cr-00031-YGR	Pleaded guilty on Feb. 10, 2022; sentenced to one year of home confinement
CO Andrew Jones	4:23-cr-000212-YGR	Pleaded guilty on Aug.17, 2023; sentenced to 96 months in prison
CO Nakie Nunley	4:23-cr-000213-YGR	Pleaded guilty on Sept. 5, 2023; sentenced to 72 months in prison
CO Darrell Smith (a/k/a "Dirty Dick Smith")	4:23-cr-00110-YGR	Indicted on April 13, 2023; trial scheduled for Sept. 2, 2025
CO Jeffrey Wilson	4:25-cr-00180	Information filed on June 25, 2025
CO Lawrence Gacad	4:25-cr-00181	Information filed on June 25, 2025

An information merely alleges that crimes have been committed, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. If convicted, Wilson faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 for each count of sexual abuse of a ward in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2243(b) and eight years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the count of false statements to a government agency in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2). Gacad faces a maximum sentence of two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the count of abusive sexual contact in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2244(a)(4). Any sentence following conviction would be imposed by the court after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence, 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andrew Paulson, Alethea Sargent, Sailaja Paidipaty, and Molly Priedeman are prosecuting these cases with the assistance of Veronica Hernandez and Amala James. The prosecutions are the result of an investigation by the DOJ OIG and the FBI.