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**WCSO Makes Arrest in Contraband at FCI Williamsburg – Federal Bureau of Prisons**

**Subject:** Megan Shara Welch, age 33, of Florence, SC, was arrested and charged by Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office with Criminal Conspiracy (S.C. 16-17-0410).

On August 4, 2025, the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) assisted Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Williamsburg Special Investigative Services Division (SISD) with an incident involving a former FCI Williamsburg Correctional Officer, Megan Welch. The incident involved Welch conspiring to introduce contraband into the Williamsburg FCI with an inmate who was in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

FCI Williamsburg SISD officers intercepted communications between Welch and the aforementioned inmate. Between July 1, 2025 and August 4, 2025, Welch and the inmate engaged in multiple conversations in which they conspired to introduce contraband into the FCI Williamsburg. During these exchanges, Welch requested advance payment via CashApp and coordinated a specific date and time, believed to be August 5, 2025, for the delivery of the contraband, including identifying the intended recipient within the facility.

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that while employed at FCI Williamsburg, Welch provided contraband to inmates on multiple occasions and had received approximately \$8,500 in total compensation for her involvement.

Welch was taken into custody and transported to the Williamsburg County Detention Center (WCDC). The investigation into this incident is ongoing. The Department of Justice Office of Inspector General Southeastern Region is assisting in the investigation.

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