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# Federal Correctional Officer Charged With Sexual Abuse Of An Inmate At FCI Otisville

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jay Clayton, Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), James C. Barnacle, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General ("DOJ OIG"), Ryan T. Geach, and Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"), William K. Marshall III, announced today the unsealing of an Indictment charging KYLE BROWN, a former federal correctional officer with the BOP, with three counts of sexual abuse of a ward for engaging in sexual acts with an inmate he was responsible for guarding. BROWN was arrested this morning and will be presented later today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Victoria Reznik. The case is assigned to U.S. District Judge Philip M. Halpern.

*"Sexual abuse will be met with federal charges throughout our society; it has no place anywhere and victims deserve protection everywhere," said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. "When a correctional officer abuses their power and harms an inmate, it is not only a violation of federal law—it is a betrayal of the trust that New York families place in our institutions. We will continue to protect victims, pursue the truth, and hold accountable anyone who abuses their power for their own sexual gratification."*

"As alleged, Kyle Brown abused his authority to engage in sexual acts with an inmate under his protection," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge James C. Barnacle, Jr. "The FBI is committed to holding corrupt civil servants accountable."

"The safety and security of federal prisons are of the utmost importance, and the DOJ OIG vigorously investigates allegations of abuse of inmates by Federal Bureau of Prisons staff to ensure that those who break the law and the public's trust are held accountable," said DOJ OIG Special Agent in Charge Ryan T. Geach.

"The allegations in the case represent a profound abuse of authority and a betrayal of public trust," said BOP Director William K. Marshall III. "Anyone who exploits their position of authority disgraces this profession and has no place in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Working alongside our law enforcement partners, we will pursue anyone who violates the law and ensure they are held accountable."

According to the allegations in the Indictment and other public filings:

Between in or about 2024 and on or about July 1, 2026, BROWN was employed as a federal correctional officer at Federal Correctional Institution, Otisville ("FCI Otisville"). On three occasions between December 26, 2025, and April 4, 2026, BROWN engaged in anal and/or oral sex with an inmate who was incarcerated at FCI Otisville and over whom BROWN had authority.

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BROWN, 27, of Newburgh, New York, is charged with three counts of sexual abuse of a ward, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

The maximum potential sentence in this case is prescribed by Congress and provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the judge.

Mr. Clayton praised the outstanding investigative work of the FBI and DOJ OIG, as well as the FBI Hudson Valley White Collar Crime Task Force and Otisville FCI Special Investigative Swift Response.

The prosecution of this case is being handled by the Office's Civil Rights and Human Trafficking Unit in the Criminal Division. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christopher Morel and Madison Reddick Smyser are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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