

Former FCI Beckley Correctional Officer Pleads Guilty to Contraband Crime

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of West Virginia

BECKLEY, W.Va. – Cody Adam Bays, 32, of Beaver, pleaded guilty today to providing contraband to an inmate of a federal prison.

According to court documents and statements made in court, between November 7, 2022, and February 14, 2023, Bays was a correctional officer at Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Beckley when he provided contraband items to FCI Beckley inmates. Bays admitted that he provided various controlled substances including suboxone, marijuana, synthetic marijuana and a substance Bays believed to be fentanyl. Bays further admitted that he received approximately \$5,000 for the suboxone, \$4,000 for the fentanyl substance, \$3,500 for the synthetic marijuana and \$2,000 for the marijuana. Bays was paid in cash or through financial mobile applications.

Bays is scheduled to be sentenced on May 3, 2024, and faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

United States Attorney Will Thompson made the announcement and commended the investigative work of the U.S. Department of Justice-Office of Inspector General (DOJ-OIG).

United States District Judge Frank W. Volk presided over the hearing. Assistant United States Attorney Brian Parsons is prosecuting the case.

A copy of this press release is located on the website of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. Related court documents and information can be found on PACER by searching for Case No. 5:23-cr-165.

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