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## Federal Jury Convicts Former Bureau of Prisons Correctional Officer in Bribery, Drug Scheme

**FLORENCE, S.C.** — Angela Crosland, 51, of Elgin, has been convicted of bribery, money laundering, distribution of methamphetamine and suboxone, and filing false income tax returns. A federal jury returned the guilty verdict following two days of trial.

Evidence presented to the jury showed that Crosland worked as a correctional officer at Federal Correctional Institution Williamsburg in Salters. While employed as a correctional officer, Crosland smuggled contraband into FCI Williamsburg in exchange for money. The contraband included suboxone, methamphetamine, K-2-soaked paper, marijuana, tobacco, food, and other items. Evidence presented to the jury included Crosland's Cash App accounts records which reflected payments to her account totaling \$56,791 from family and associates of inmates housed at FCI Williamsburg. These payments occurred over approximately a nine-month time period. In addition, Crosland failed to report this substantial income on her federal tax returns.

"Those who work in public service, especially in law enforcement and corrections, must be held to a higher standard," said U.S. Attorney Adair Ford Boroughs for the District of South Carolina. "Crosland's actions damage trust in our prison systems while compromising the safety of Williamsburg FCI's staff and inmates."

"Crosland smuggled drugs and other contraband into the federal prison in exchange for tens of thousands of dollars in bribes," said Eric Fehlman, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Southeast Region. "Her corrupt actions jeopardized the safety and security of the entire facility." "The IRS is committed to working alongside our law enforcement partners to provide financial expertise while investigating individuals who engage in corruption, money laundering, and tax fraud," said Special Agent in Charge Donald "Trey" Eakins, Charlotte Field Office, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

United States District Judge Joseph Dawson, III, presided over the trial and will sentence Crosland after receiving and reviewing a pre-sentence report from the U.S. ProbationOffice.

This case was investigated by the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bill Watkins and Winston Marosek are prosecuting the case.

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