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**FEDERAL INDICTMENT CHARGES THOMSON PRISON CORRECTIONAL OFFICER
WITH ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTS WITH TWO INMATES**

ROCKFORD — A correctional officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Thomson, Ill., has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Rockford for allegedly engaging in sexual acts with two inmates.

DANNY L. SPYKER, 40, of Lanark, knowingly engaged in sexual acts with the inmates in December 2023 and March 2024, according to an indictment returned on Feb. 25, 2025, and unsealed today. Spyker has been on administrative leave from his position as a correctional officer since June 2024.

The indictment was announced by Morris Pasqual, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and William J. Hannah, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of the Midwest Regional Office of the Department of Justice's Office of Inspector General. The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan S. Kim.

The public is reminded that an indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The maximum sentence for each count in the indictment is 15 years in federal prison. If convicted, the Court must impose a reasonable sentence under federal sentencing statutes and the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

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