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Former Bureau of Prisons Correctional Officer Sentenced to Federal Prison for Bribery, Drug Scheme

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FLORENCE, S.C. — Angela Crosland, 51, of Elgin, has been sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison for bribery, money laundering, distribution of methamphetamine and suboxone, and filing false tax returns. A federal jury previously returned a 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, food, and other items. Evidence presented to the jury also included Crosland's Cash App account records which reflected payments to her account totaling \$56,791 from family and associates of inmates housed at FCI Williamsburg. In addition, Crosland failed to report this substantial income on her federal tax returns.

"The integrity of our federal correctional system hinges on the ethical conduct of those sworn to uphold it," said U.S. Attorney Bryan Stirling for the District of South Carolina. "When a correctional officer like Crosland chooses to betray that trust by smuggling contraband, it threatens the safety of both inmates and staff. We'll continue to work with our law enforcement partners to keep our federal prisons safe."

"Contraband items, like drugs, are often used as a form of currency inside federal prisons, which puts the safety and security of both staff and inmates at risk," said Eric Fehlman, special agent in

charge of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Southeast Region. “Today’s sentencing shows that correctional officers who smuggle contraband into federal prisons in exchange for bribes will face serious consequences for their corrupt actions.”

“IRS Criminal Investigation 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, IRS Criminal Investigation. “Our special agents are dedicated to unraveling complex financial transactions and money laundering schemes where individuals attempt to conceal the true source of funds.”

United States District Judge Joseph Dawson, III, sentenced Crosland to 136 months imprisonment, to be followed by a three-year term of court-ordered supervision. There is no parole in the federal system. Crosland was also ordered to pay \$18,649.00 to the Internal Revenue Service for filing false tax returns.

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 Winston Marosek and Bill Watkins are prosecuting the case.