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FORMER FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER PLEADS GUILTYTO BRIBERY CHARGE

Natchez, Miss - U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton, Teresa Gulotta-Powers, Special Agent in Charge in the Miami Office, Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, and Bruce Pearson, Warden for the Federal Correctional Complex at Yazoo City, Mississippi, announced that RAYMOND MORTON pled guilty in federal court today to receiving bribes during his employment as a Federal Correctional Officer at the Federal Correctional Complex at Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Morton was indicted on April 8, 2008, for agreeing to receive and accept bribes from a federal inmate. He will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge David Bramlette in Natchez on December 16, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. He faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

U.S. Attorney Lampton commended the investigative efforts of the Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General, Department of Justice, and the Investigative Agents with the Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Correctional Complex in Yazoo City, Mississippi. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mike Hurst.

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