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Former U.S. Official Sentenced to 65 Months in Prison For Sexually Assaulting Woman on Embassy Property in Algeria

WASHINGTON - Andrew Warren, 43, a former official with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), was sentenced today to 65 months in prison on charges of abusive sexual contact and unlawful use of cocaine while possessing a firearm, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., and Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security.

Warren pleaded guilty to the charges in June 2010 and was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by the Honorable Judge Ellen S. Huvelle. The judge ordered that Warren be placed on 10 years of supervised release upon completion of his prison term. He also will be required to register as a sex offender.

During the plea hearing last year, Warren admitted that on February 17, 2008, he committed abusive sexual contact while on U.S. embassy property in Algiers, Algeria, by engaging in sexual contact with a female victim after he rendered her unconscious. Additionally, Warren admitted that on April 26, 2010, he unlawfully used cocaine while possessing a Glock, 9 millimeter semi-automatic pistol in Norfolk, Va.

In announcing the sentence, Assistant Attorney General Breuer, U.S. Attorney Machen, and Assistant Secretary of State Boswell praised the investigative work of agents from the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Violent Crimes Branch, led by Supervisory Special Agent Scott Banker; the offices of the Inspector General and the General Counsel of the CIA; the U.S. Marshals Service in Norfolk, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Norfolk Police Department.

They also acknowledged the efforts of Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Haynie from the Eastern District of Virginia, Trial Attorney Christine Duey of the Criminal Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Julieanne Himelstein from the District of Columbia.

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