

Corrections Officer Sentenced to Prison

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Travis Caudill, 36, of Lebanon, Ohio, pled guilty to one count of conveying prohibited items into a detention facility, a felony of the 3rd degree. Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Peeler sentenced Caudill to a mandatory prison term of nine months.

On April 15, 2016, Caudill, a corrections officer, entered the grounds of the Warren Correctional Institution with a package of marijuana wrapped in duct tape. Staff conducted a random search of employees as they were entering work that day, and Caudill removed the package from his bag and dropped it on the ground. Other employees witnessed this and reported it. Caudill told investigators that he was transporting the marijuana to an inmate in exchange for money.

“We have a significant problem with drugs getting into our prisons. It’s bad enough when family and friends of the inmates sneak them in. But when individuals who we trust to maintain the safety and security in our prisons illegally convey drugs to the inmates—we have zero tolerance for that,” said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Prosecutor Fornshell commended the efforts of Trooper Butler of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Assistant Prosecutor Carrie Heisele, and Legal Assistant Tonya Colwell for their work on the case.



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