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ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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2 Officers Charged in Separate Schemes to Smuggle Items into Prison

Miami (June 4, 2021) - As a result of a joint investigation by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Florida Department of Corrections Office of the Inspector General, former Dade Correctional Institution Sergeant Travis Thompson and Dade Correctional Institution Officer Gary Leon Littlejohn have been charged with alleged offenses stemming from the smuggling of contraband items into the Dade Correctional Institution.

"Receiving contraband while in prison allows some inmates to accumulate wealth, power, and prestige among the inmate population," noted State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. "This can lead to violence among the inmates and place correctional staff in danger. I commend the Miami-Dade Police Department, the investigators and prosecutors of our Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, and the Florida Department of Corrections Office of the Inspector General for aggressively pursuing this investigation."

- Former Dade Correctional Institution Sergeant Travis Thompson is being charged with 1 count of Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior (2nd Degree Felony) and 1 count of Introduction into, Removal or Possession of, Contraband in a State Correctional Institution (3rd Degree Felony).
- Dade Correctional Institution Officer Gary Leon Littlejohn is being charged with 1 count of Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior (2nd Degree Felony).

Pursuant to separate investigations regarding the smuggling of contraband items into the Dade Correctional Institution, Thompson and Littlejohn allegedly brought contraband cigarettes into the state prison complex and supplied the cigarettes to an inmate in exchange for a cash payment. Additionally, Thompson allegedly brought cell phone SIM cards into the prison and Littlejohn was allegedly paid to take in a cell phone. Thompson allegedly received \$2,000 for his actions while Littlejohn allegedly received a \$1,200 payment from an informant for his actions.

For media interviews with State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, please call 305-547-0535 to check her afternoon availability.

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