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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES FORMER CORRECTIONAL OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY IN CORRUPTION CASE

Carson City, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that Michael Ford, 31, pled guilty today to one count of misconduct of public officer, a felony, for attempting to smuggle and sell tobacco to prisoners.

Ford was previously employed as a Correctional Officer at Southern Desert Correctional Center (SDCC). In January 2012, Department of Corrections investigators apprehended Ford at the SDCC with a large duffel bag of tobacco intended for sale to prison inmates. Ford had been offered hundreds of dollars by inmates for smuggling tobacco into the prison system, where it is considered contraband.

“Our office takes seriously any allegations of corruption by public employees,” said Masto.

Ford pled guilty before Melisa De La Garza, Clark County District Court's arraignment hearing master. Sentencing has been set before the Clark County District Court Judge Elissa Cadish on October 22, 2012. Ford faces up to four years in prison and/or five years of supervised probation.

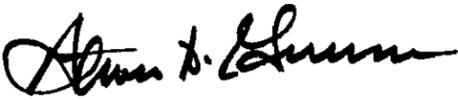
The case was referred to the Attorney General's Office by the Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Jamie J. Resch, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Justice Special Prosecution Division.

Read the criminal information by visiting: <http://bit.ly/Fordcriminalinformation>.



FORD, MICHAEL
(Photo courtesy of Department of Corrections)

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8 **DISTRICT COURT**

9 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

10 STATE OF NEVADA,)	CASE NO.: C281945
11 Plaintiff,)	DEPT. NO.: VI
12 v.)	Date of Hearing: June 19, 2012
13 MICHAEL FORD,)	Time of Hearing: 9:00 a.m.
14 Defendant.)	

15 **INFORMATION**

17 CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO, Attorney General, through Jamie J. Resch, Senior
18 Deputy Attorney General, informs this Honorable Court that MICHAEL FORD, the Defendant
19 above named, has committed the offense of **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER**,
20 (Category "E" Felony – NRS 197.110), within the County of Clark, State of Nevada, as follows:

21 **COUNT ONE**
22 **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER**

23 **(Category "E" FELONY – NRS 197.110)**

24 That the defendant, **MICHAEL FORD**, did unlawfully and feloniously, as a public
25 officer, ask or receive, directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity or reward, or promise
26 thereof, for omitting or deferring the performance of any official duty, or, employ or use any
27 person, money, or property under the public officer's official control or discretion, or in the
28 public officer's official custody, for the private benefit or gain of the public officer or another, to

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1 wit: That on or about January 3, 2012, Correctional Officer Trainee Michael Ford asked or
2 received compensation in exchange for omitting to perform his official duties at Southern
3 Desert Correctional Center and/or did use his uniform, identification, or other property under
4 his official control for his private benefit by gaining access to Southern Desert Correctional
5 Center for the purpose of introducing contraband into the same in exchange for money or
6 other private benefits.

7 All of which is contrary to the form, force and effects of the statutes in such cases made
8 and provided against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada.

9 DATED this 11th day of June, 2008.

10 CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO
11 Attorney General

12 By: /s/ Jamie J. Resch
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WITNESS LIST

The following list contains the names and addresses of all witnesses known to the Office of the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Justice, Special Prosecutions Division at the time accompanying the filing of this Criminal Information:

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