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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found WILLIAM FAY of Benton, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Mr. Fay admitted to one (1) count of violating the Code of Ethics. Mr. Fay admitted that he used his position as a Correctional Officer, and his access to a state correctional facility to introduce narcotics to inmates of the facility in exchange for money. Fay did so to fulfill his own private, for-profit interests, which conflicted with his duties in the public interest. Fay used his position and access to inmates to engage in conduct that was criminal in nature in violation of law and his agency's policies. By engaging in such conduct, Fay failed to avoid conduct that would lead the public to conclude that he was using his official position to further his own private interest.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Commission took into account the criminal penalties issued against Mr. Fay. Mr. Fay agreed to pay the Commission a \$500 civil penalty and to never again seek employment with the state. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.