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Detention Deputy Arrested for Bringing Cell Phone to Inmate

Pensacola, Fla- The Escambia County Sheriff's Office has arrested Detention Deputy Kristopher Wade for smuggling contraband into a detention facility and for unlawfully accepting compensation for official behavior. Wade has been released from the Escambia County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

On February 15, 2010, Detention Deputies conducting a routine cell search discovered a cell phone charger in a cell at the Main Jail. After a subsequent search of the prisoners in the housing unit, a cell phone was discovered. Following an investigation of how the cell phone was introduced into the jail, investigators determined that an inmate conspired with Wade to smuggle the cell phone into the housing unit.

On February 11, 2010, Wade met with the girlfriend of the inmate and obtained the contraband cell phone, a cell phone charger, and cigarettes. Wade was also given \$25 in exchange for smuggling the contraband phone to the inmate.

According to the arrest report, on March 2, 2010 Wade was interviewed by investigators and admitted to picking up the contraband cell phone and delivering it to the inmate.

At this time, Kristopher Wade has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the completion of the investigation. Wade has been employed with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office since 2008 and was assigned to the Main Jail.



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