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Parke County Man Arrested for Trafficking

Greencastle, Ind. - An investigation by the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) resulted in the July 31st arrest of Correctional Officer Brian Martin, 33 of Parke County Indiana. The investigation developed information alleging Martin was trafficking Suboxone into the Putnamville Correctional Facility. As a result of the investigation more than three dozen strips of suspected Suboxone were recovered.

Martin was arrested for a Level 6 felony of Official Misconduct and two Level 5 felony counts of Trafficking With An Inmate. Formal charges will be determined by the Putnam County Prosecutor's Office. Martin was transported to the Putnam county Jail without incident on the day of his arrest.

Martin has been placed on suspension without compensation until such time as the results of the criminal investigation are concluded. Martin began employment with the IDOC on January 28th of 2019 and was assigned correctional officer duties at the Putnamville Correctional Facility.

Internal Affairs Officer James Smith commented, "I'm proud of the staff at the Putnamville Correctional Facility; it was their attention to detail that resulted in the discovery of Martin's alleged attempt to smuggle suspected illegal drugs into the prison environment." Smith concluded, "We have a zero tolerance policy on trafficking. We will arrest and seek prosecution of our own staff for trafficking, and we take the same action against visitors who attempt to traffic illegal substances into any IDOC facility."

About Suboxone:

SUBOXONE Film is a prescription medicine that contains the active ingredients **buprenorphine** and naloxone. It is used to treat adults who are dependent on (addicted to) opioids (either prescription or illegal). For more information about Suboxone visit this site.

About Trafficking:

Trafficking in a correctional facility environment is defined as the act of buying or selling of illegal substances or substances that may be legal but are not permitted in a correctional environment, such as the sale or trade of tobacco products.



Pictured: Brian Martin