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## **Eight Indicted for Smuggling Contraband into New Jersey State Prison**

**TRENTON** – Eight individuals, including four New Jersey State Prison inmates, were recently indicted for their roles in smuggling contraband into the correctional facility.

According to Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr., the state Department of Corrections Special Investigations Division began an investigation in April 2009 after NJSP inmate Kevin Paulk was found to be in possession of a cell phone and marijuana.

The investigation revealed that Aaron Picott obtained a cell phone and instructed his sister, Devin, to transport it inside the prison to Paulk during a visit on April 18, 2009. Annette Bozeman visited Paulk on the same day and smuggled marijuana in to him. Further investigation uncovered additional inmates and civilians involved in bringing illegal items into the prison.

The seven-count indictment charges each **Kevin Paulk, Jermaine Linder, Leo Reed, Devin Picott, Aaron Picott** and **Stephanie Horne** with conspiracy to provide an electronic communication device to a person confined to a state correctional facility, a third-degree crime.

**Paulk** (DOB 11/6/63) is also charged with possession of an electronic communication device in a state correctional facility (third degree), possession of a controlled dangerous substance with the intent to distribute (third degree) and conspiracy to distribute a controlled dangerous substance (third degree).

NJSP inmate **Linder** (DOB 7/19/72) is also charged with second-degree gang criminality.

NJSP inmate **Reed** (DOB 4/26/73) is also charged with second-degree gang criminality and third-degree conspiracy to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

**Devin Picott** (DOB 4/28/86), of East State Street, Trenton, and **Horne** (DOB 5/17/75), of South Broad Street, Hamilton, are also charged with providing an electronic communication device to a person confined to a state correctional facility, a third-degree crime.

**Aaron Picott** (DOB 10/5/84), of South Broad Street, Trenton, is also charged with providing an electronic communication device to a person confined to a state correctional facility (third degree) and unlawful possession of a handgun (second degree). At the time of his arrest on April 18, 2009, **Picott** was loitering in a no parking area at New Jersey State Prison and had a loaded .380 caliber handgun in his possession.

NJSP inmate **Maurice Turner** (DOB 8/10/80) is charged with third-degree conspiracy to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

**Annette Bozeman** (DOB 10/26/60), of Michael Drive, Hamilton, is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with the intent to distribute (third degree) and conspiracy to distribute a controlled dangerous substance (third degree).

Bocchini credited Investigators Raphael Dolce and Victor Sierra of the state Department of Corrections Special Investigations Division with the investigation leading to the charges. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Stephanie Katz of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

Despite having been indicted, all persons are presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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