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Press Release

York County Corrections Officer Arrested and Charged for Attempting to Smuggle Suboxone into the York County Prison

York, PA – York County Prison officials and the Pennsylvania State Police developed information over the past two weeks that York County Prison Corrections Officer Joshua Martinez, age 31, of Red Lion, PA intended to smuggle Suboxone strips into the York County Prison and then distribute them to an inmate, Lleland Wade, age 34. Suboxone is prescription medication commonly prescribed to reduce symptoms of opiate addiction and withdrawal. It is frequently abused and sold on the street.

Based upon their investigation, on June 6, 2020, troopers with the Pennsylvania State Police and York County Drug Task Force investigators observed Martinez leave the York County Prison when his shift ended at midnight. Information had been developed that Martinez would be driving to the Elizabethtown area to obtain the suboxone from Wade's girlfriend, Chelsea Elaine Cochran, age 25. Martinez was followed to Cochran's home in Lancaster County. Just prior to him arriving, troopers observed Cochran place something

in her mailbox. When Martinez arrived he was observed removing something from the same mailbox. Martinez left the area and was followed by investigators as he returned to York County.

At approximately 2:00 am on June 6, 2020, Martinez was stopped by a Pennsylvania State Police trooper on US 30 in Hellam Township. He was detained and a search warrant was obtained for his vehicle. Inside the vehicle police investigators located 75 Suboxone strips and \$2,900.00 cash.

Martinez, Wade and Cochran were charged by Pennsylvania State Police at District Court 19-1-02 with Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Criminal Conspiracy and Contraband.

District Attorney Dave Sunday said, "I am thankful for the swift collaborative work of the Pennsylvania State Police, York County Drug Task Force and York County Prison officials for thoroughly investigating and filing charges in this serious matter implicating the abuse of public trust."

Criminal charges, and any discussion thereof, are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.