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**Chester County Detectives
Catch Couple Smuggling Drugs Into Chester County Prison**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrests of Dennis D. Leffew and Jessica Williams for smuggling drugs into Chester County Prison. Leffew, 70 years old, was smuggling drugs into Williams, 25 years old.

Hogan stated, "If these two criminals spent as much time and creativity on doing something useful as they did on sneaking drugs into a prison, they might be gainfully employed. Instead, they both are looking at felony convictions."

Leffew is charged with delivering Suboxone, a controlled substance, to Williams, an inmate at Chester County Prison, on four occasions between February 8, 2012, and April 11, 2012. The two face charges of conspiracy, delivering contraband to a prison inmate, drug delivery, and related charges.

Leffew is from Elkton, MD. He was arrested on April 11, 2012, by Chester County Detectives. Leffew failed to post \$10,000 cash bail and is being held at Chester County Prison. The complaint against Williams was filed today.

The allegations from the criminal complaints are as follows:¹

Chester County Detective Matthew Gordon was advised by Captain Farina of the Chester County Prison that correctional officers had located four envelopes and letters that had been sent from Leffew into the Chester County Prison. On each envelope was a postage stamp located on the top, right front of the envelope. On the top left of the envelopes was either the return address label of Dennis Leffew,

¹ A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.

which was his name followed by the address of 70 Brooks Lane, Elkton, MD 21921, or a decal label which stated "Proud Supporter Paralyzed Veterans of America."

Under each postage stamp and decal, correctional officers located an unknown orange strip. Prison medical personnel examined the orange strips and determined that they were Suboxone, a Schedule III controlled substance.

Leffew visited and called Williams on a regular basis. Detective Gordon reviewed phone conversations between Leffew and Williams. In those phone calls, Leffew and Williams discussed how to obtain, transport, and deliver Suboxone into the prison by placing the Suboxone under the return address decal and the oversized postage stamp.

Chester County Detectives executed a search warrant at Leffew's residence. The Detectives discovered letters from Williams to Leffew describing from whom to purchase the drug and how to ship the drug into Chester County Prison. The Detectives also seized more Suboxone.

Suboxone is a controlled substance. It contains an opioid medication and a medication that is used to block opioids. Although the drug's prescribed use is to treat opiate addiction, it is often used alone or in combination with other drugs by drug users to get high. Suboxone is addictive.

Chester County Prison Warden Edward McFadden stated, "We place a high priority on maintaining a safe and contraband-free facility. We will not tolerate drugs being smuggled into Chester County Prison."

District Attorney Hogan added, "This was an excellent cooperative investigation by the Chester County Prison correctional officers and the Chester County Detectives. Captain Farina spotted the problem and the Chester County Detectives worked with the prison to complete the investigation."

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Approved for release:

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