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Ex-GEO guard, boyfriend sentenced to federal prison in drug sting

SAN ANTONIO - A former guard of a private federal detention facility was sentenced Wednesday to 57 months in federal prison for agreeing to provide crystal methamphetamine to an inmate, federal officials said. Abigail Jolynn Abrego, 28, was also sentenced to supervised release for three years after completing her prison term. Abrego's 55-year-old boyfriend, Leonard Belmares, was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release. The two pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of attempting to provide contraband in prison. Federal officials said the pair met with an undercover agent on November 2017 and agreed to smuggle methamphetamine into the Central Texas Detention Facility, run by the private prison company GEO, and give it to an inmate in exchange for \$1,500. The defendants also admitted to working together on at least three previous occasions to smuggle drugs and/or contraband into the facility in exchange for money, federal officials said. Abrego and Belmares were ordered by a federal judge to surrender on or before Nov. 30 to begin serving their prison terms.