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Dianne Wilkerson



Former Massachusetts State Senator DIANNE WILKERSON pled guilty today to public corruption charges stemming from her acceptance of more than \$20,000 in cash payments in connection with her official duties.

The counts to which WILKERSON pled guilty to represent the government's core charges against WILKERSON, stemming from her acceptance of eight cash payments over a period of 16 months, totaling \$23,500 from undercover agents and a cooperating witness.

As part of the plea agreement in this case, the government will dismiss the remaining counts pending against WILKERSON. The dismissal of these charges has no impact on the United States Sentencing Guidelines calculation. Moreover, the government has reserved the right to seek a sentence of four years' incarceration, a sentence in excess of the United States Sentencing Guidelines calculation.

WILKERSON faces up to 20 years of imprisonment on each of the eight counts, to be followed by three years of supervised release and \$250,000 fine. Judge Woodlock scheduled sentencing for September 20, 2010.