

Tennessee therapist admits ongoing sexual relationship with inmate at special needs jail

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<p>A mental health therapist has been indicted on charges related to having sexual contact with a Tennessee inmate and bringing contraband into the state prison. PHOTO: TDOC{/p}

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--A mental health therapist has been indicted on charges related to having sexual contact with a Tennessee inmate and bringing contraband into the state prison.

The Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) reports Carolynn Kolensikoff worked for a private contractor as a mental health specialist at DeBerry Special Needs Facility which houses offenders who need treatments not available at other TdoC facilities and for those with long-term medical needs.

TDOC states Kolesnikoff admitted to having an on-going sexual relationship with an inmate and bringing contraband items into the facility. TDOC states it has a zero-tolerance policy on sexual acts between staff and inmates and considers contraband to pose a serious threat.

Kolensikoff is facing three indictments related to the violations.