

Former Jackson Co corrections officer sentenced

**(KNZA)--A former Jackson County Corrections officer, who previously pled no contest to attempted trafficking contraband into a correctional facility, has learned his fate.**

**36-year-old Lucas Alan Ray was sentenced last week, in Jackson County District Court, to a year-and-a-half of probation, instead of serving the underlying sentence of 8 months in prison.**

**That's according to a release from Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, who says Ray was employed as a corrections officer for his office in January, 2020. The release explains that Morse, in August, 2023, "opened an investigation into a report that an employee was trafficking contraband into the jail facility," with that outcome revealing "that an employee was receiving monies on a cash app from friends or relatives of inmates for legal items."**

**Ray was placed on administrate leave, and at the investigation's conclusion, he was terminated from his Sheriff's Office employment on August 31, 2023.**

**A complaint was forwarded to the Jackson County Attorney's Office which led to Ray being charged, and ultimately sentenced.**

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