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# Two Federal Inmates Charged With Possessing Weapons

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#### For Immediate Release

U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Pennsylvania

SCRANTON – The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that Kajuan [Woods](#), age 37, and Patrick Alexander, age 36, both federal inmates, were indicted separately by a federal grand jury on April 28, 2026, with possessing contraband in prison.

According to United States Attorney Brian D. Miller, the indictment alleges that on or about March 15, 2026, while an inmate at the Federal Correction Institution Schuylkill (FCI Schuylkill), in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, [Woods possessed an inmate manufactured weapon, specifically a four-inch piece of metal sharpened to a point with a cloth handle, commonly referred to as "shank."](#)

Assistant United States Attorney Tatum R. Wilson is prosecuting the case.

Patrick [Alexander](#), age 36, was indicted by a federal grand jury while an inmate at FCI Schuylkill, with possessing a weapon. The indictment alleges that Alexander [possessed a weapon, specifically, a six-inch piece of metal sharpened to a point](#) with a white cord handle on April 3, 2026, in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Assistant United States Attorney James M. Buchanan is prosecuting the case.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Federal Bureau of Prisons Special Investigative Service investigated both cases.

The maximum penalty under federal law for both cases is five years of imprisonment, a term of supervised release following imprisonment, and a fine. A sentence following the finding of guilt is imposed by the Judge after consideration of the applicable federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Indictments are only allegations. All persons charged are presumed to be innocent unless and until found guilty in court.

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Jeffries, age 46, an inmate at Federal Correctional Institute-Schuylkill in Minersville, PA, was charged by a criminal information with unlawfully possessing a cell phone in federal prison.

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