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**New DJJ Regional Youth Facility to Open in Wilkes County**

***- Community Leaders to Attend Ribbon-Cutting -***

(Decatur, GA) –Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony for the state juvenile justice system’s new Wilkes Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) in Washington, Georgia. ***News media is invited to attend and tour the facility.***

**WHAT:** Ribbon-cutting for DJJ’s new Wilkes Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC)

**WHERE:** Wilkes County – 1430 Industrial Park Road in Washington, GA 30673

**WHEN: Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

**WHO:** Commissioner Avery D. Niles will officiate. DJJ Leadership will attend.

**INVITEES:** State legislators, local and county elected officials and community leaders are scheduled to attend and participate in the program.

**PARKING:** On-site parking will be available for attendees.

**CAMERAS:** Photography/videography **will** be allowed inside the secure facility for this special event.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Local news media is encouraged to attend this unique opportunity for a special**

**Access tour of the RYDC before the youth detention facility is occupied. To protect the identity**

**and privacy of Georgia’s juvenile offenders, media access is restricted after regular DJJ**

**operations begin.**

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