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DJJ COMMISSIONER APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR AT EASTMAN YDC

(ATLANTA-GA) The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Director of the Eastman YDC. Today Commissioner L. Gale Buckner confirmed that effective August 1st, 2012, Mr. David Frazier will assume the top correctional leadership spot at DJJ's Youth Development Campus in Dodge County, Georgia.

"Director Frazier comes to the Department of Juvenile Justice from the Georgia Department of Corrections where he has served for 26 years. He established more than 21 years of leadership skills in correctional settings during that time," said Commissioner Buckner. "Director Frazier will be a welcome addition to our dedicated DJJ staff. We intend to take maximum advantage of his years of correctional experience."

The former warden has worked at nine different prisons, managing the requirements of varying sizes of institutional needs and populations, including juvenile detention facilities. He will finish out his responsibilities as Warden at Telfair State Prison before transitioning to Georgia's Juvenile Justice System in August.

Director Frazier began his hands-on supervisory career as a Correctional Officer and worked his way through the Department of Corrections ranks spanning the responsibilities and positions of Sergeant, Shift Supervisor, Lieutenant, Chief of Security, Deputy Warden, and Warden.

The new director received his Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the Georgia Military College in 1996. He is a graduate of the Professional Management Program through Columbus State University and the Corrections Leadership Institute through the University of Georgia. Mr. Frazier is married with two children and lives in Milledgeville, Georgia.

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DJJ'S Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Secure Facilities, Sarah Draper, said the Eastman Youth Development Campus (YDC) where Frazier will serve as Director is a facility designed to provide secure care, supervision and treatment services to youth who have been committed to the custody of DJJ for both short and long-term programs.

"Each of the eight DJJ Youth Development Campuses like the Eastman facility provides youth services including education, health and mental health services, food services, resident counseling, substance abuse units, vocational programming, and family visitation," said Deputy Commissioner Draper.

"It will be Director Frazier's responsibility to ensure that Eastman YDC observes departmental policy and procedures for safety and security based on state and federal law and to follow DJJ's program of strict professional standards," the Deputy Commissioner said.

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