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**DJJ NEWS ADVISORY:**  
**GOVERNOR DEAL TO SIGN JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM LEGISLATION**  
**AT ELBERT SHAW REGIONAL YOUTH DETENTION CENTER (RYDC)**

**(DALTON - GA)**

Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce that Governor Nathan Deal will sign Georgia's Juvenile Justice Reform legislation at the Elbert Shaw Regional Youth Detention Center in Dalton, Georgia on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

**WHO:** Gov. Nathan Deal and First Lady Sandra Deal  
Bobby Hughes, Director, Elbert Shaw Regional Youth Detention Center  
Judge Michael Boggs, Court of Appeals  
Avery Niles, Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice  
Criminal Justice Reform Council members  
State legislators

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

**WHERE:** Elbert Shaw Regional Youth Detention Center, Dalton, GA  
(Located in Whitfield County) (**There will be no public tours of the facility**)  
2735 Underwood Road, NE  
Dalton, GA 30721-7499  
Phone: 706-272-2309

\*Follow Directions Below and Follow Security Check-In Instructions:

**Directions from Atlanta:**

Take I-75 North toward Chattanooga.  
After approximately 90 miles take Exit 336 (SR 3/US Hwy 41/US Hwy 76-Dalton/Rocky Face).  
At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto the North Bypass.  
At the seventh traffic light, turn left onto Underwood Road.

The Elbert Shaw RYDC is on the immediate left.

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**DJJ SECURITY RULES FOR THIS VISIT**

- In order to expedite clearance of all visitors through security before the Governor arrives, DJJ suggests you **schedule your arrival about an hour early, around 8:45AM** so we can begin sign-in and clearance to get you into our secure facility on time.
- Please remember to bring a **Georgia driver license and other photo-media I-D, required for entry.**
- As part of standard security protocols all **cell phones must be locked in your vehicle as a condition of entry.** We realize this is an inconvenience for news media and we appreciate your understanding of the need for this standard security measure.
- Once news media has cleared security, **no one may leave the designated restricted area** (multi-purpose room) identified as the media staging area for this event.

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**DJJ COVERAGE RULES FOR THIS VISIT**

- Rules for news media in a DJJ facility require that **no photos will be taken, published or broadcast in a manner which would identify juvenile residents.**
- **Juvenile residents cannot be identified by name** in media reports unless releases have been obtained by DJJ for this purpose.
- **No interviews can be conducted with juvenile residents** unless DJJ Staff clearly indicate that signed parental permission has been obtained by DJJ for this purpose.
- (It should be understood that **violation of these rules will result in coverage permission to be withdrawn** and news media would be escorted from the secure premises. Reporters with questions regarding rules and procedures should immediately ask the nearest DJJ staff member to avoid any misunderstandings. We want your visit to the Dalton RYDC to be a productive one.)

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**GOVERNOR'S ITINERARY AT RYDC**

- News media will clear security and standby inside the RYDC all-purpose room until the Governor arrives.
- 9:45 a.m. -- The Governor is escorted into the RYDC facility by DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles where he will be welcomed by RYDC Director Bobby Hughes and presented with a brief history of the facility.
- 10:00 a.m. – Commissioner Niles makes brief welcoming remarks, introduces Judge Michael Boggs
- 10:03 a.m. – Judge Michael Boggs makes brief remarks, introduces Sen. Charlie Bethel
- 10:06 a.m. – Sen. Charlie Bethel makes brief remarks, introduces Governor Deal
- 10:09 a.m. – Governor Nathan Deal makes brief remarks
- 10:13 a.m. – Governor Nathan Deal signs HB 242, photo ops
- 10:18 a.m. – Governor Nathan Deal signs HB 182, photo ops
- 10:25 a.m. – Governor Nathan Deal departs Dalton
- Reporters will be escorted through security following the departure of Governor Deal.

We look forward to seeing you Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your coverage.  
Yours in Service,

**Jim Shuler**

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