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DJJ STATEMENT: Routine Resignation of Augusta YDC Director

DJJ Communications confirms that Augusta YDC Director Cedric Taylor has resigned his DJJ post in Augusta to begin a challenging new position with the Georgia Department of Corrections, where he had worked since 1992. Director Taylor gave DJJ a full month's notice and is leaving effective January 31st, 2014. Taylor leaves the Department of Juvenile Justice under very positive terms and Commissioner Avery D. Niles wishes him all the best in his next professional corrections challenge.

Although DJJ has officially posted the job opening announcement for the director position, there will be no lapse of experienced juvenile correctional management at Augusta YDC in Director Taylor's absence. Commissioner Avery Niles has already planned for a rotating schedule of regional and top tier DJJ leadership to begin supervision responsibilities at the end of the month. If the vacancy is not filled by February 1st, Augusta YDC's Assistant Director will become the Acting Director while the agency's candidate search continues..

Commissioner Niles said, "Director Cedric Taylor did a great job for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice. He came to DJJ at a time when the Augusta YDC secure facility needed him most. His DOC background and strong management presence helped stabilize the safety and security environment at Augusta YDC. The department truly benefited from his expertise. We wish him well in his next challenge as a Department of Corrections Warden."

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