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### **JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSIONER HIRES NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR SECURE FACILITIES**

**(ATLANTA - GA)** DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce a new addition to his Secure Facilities Leadership Team. This week Commissioner Niles named former Floyd County Prison Warden, Jeffrey Chandler, as DJJ's Deputy Commissioner for Secure Facilities.

The Commissioner's choice for Deputy Commissioner comes to DJJ from the leadership team of the Floyd County Prison in Rome, Georgia, where he was appointed Warden in February 2009. The following year, Warden Chandler opened Floyd County's Work Release Center.

Commissioner Niles welcomed DJJ's new Deputy Commissioner and commended him for his previous experience guiding progressive change throughout Floyd County Correctional Institutions, as well as being instrumental in local justice re-investment and re-entry initiatives.

"Warden Chandler is familiar with these important programs and ready to help us reinforce the kind of structure, organization and initiatives we envision for DJJ's secure facility operations," said Commissioner Avery D. Niles.

Chandler holds Executive, Managerial, Field Training Officer, Corrections Officer, and Police mandate certifications with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council that document the development of his expertise on special Crisis Intervention and Child Abduction Response Teams.

"The corrections and management experience Warden Chandler brings to DJJ will assist in our ongoing efforts to meet the goals of Georgia's new juvenile justice reform law," said Commissioner Niles. "Mr. Chandler began his Criminal Justice career with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and built a professional skill set in Jail Operations, Field Services, and Special Operations that will help this agency's secure facilities function at safer and more secure levels."

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DJJ's new Deputy Commissioner for Secure Facilities is an alumnus of Floyd College (Georgia Highlands) and the Law Enforcement Command College at Columbus State University.

He is currently a member of the Southern States Correctional Association and National Wardens and Superintendents Association, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers. Chandler is a board member of the Community Criminal Justice Foundation and serves as President of the Georgia Prison Warden's Association.

Chandler is also a certified USA Wrestling and USA Football Coach, and a member of Team Georgia Wrestling.

A native of Floyd County, Georgia, Jeffrey Chandler and his wife Christy have been married for 20 years and have two sons. They reside in the Silver Creek area and are members of First Baptist Church of Lindale.

Deputy Commissioner Chandler is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Commissioner Avery Niles is proud to support Governor Nathan Deal's statewide **'Hire a Georgia Veteran'** campaign to provide enhanced hiring opportunities for veterans at the Department of Juvenile Justice.

DJJ has an authorized staff of 4,200 dedicated employees managing programs, services and facilities throughout Georgia. The Department of Juvenile Justice provides supervision, detention, and a wide range of treatment and educational services for youth referred by the Juvenile Courts. More than 50,000 youth are served each year by DJJ, including youth placed on probation, sentenced to short-term incarceration, or committed into custody by the Juvenile Courts.

In addition to the DJJ Central Office in Decatur, there are more than 100 DJJ court office and facility locations throughout Georgia. The Department of Juvenile Justice offers careers in Education, Law Enforcement, Behavioral Health and Health Care, Administration, Human Resource Management and Development, Food Service, Housekeeping, and Plant Management and Maintenance.

For more information about career descriptions at the Department of Juvenile Justice join us on the web at <http://www.djjnewsandviews.org/djjcareers/>. For current listings of job openings at DJJ go to <http://www.djj.state.ga.us/Careers/DJJEmploy.aspx>

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