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**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE INVESTIGATES
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE INCIDENT**

(DOUGLAS COUNTY - GA) Commissioner Avery D. Niles announced today that the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice has assigned DJJ investigators to conduct an official departmental inquiry into the Douglas County incident where a DJJ youth was left in a courthouse holding cell over the weekend.

Within minutes of learning of the situation in Douglas County, Commissioner Niles took immediate action and ordered the DJJ investigation.

The Commissioner reports that DJJ investigators have already been interviewing individuals and taking statements in connection with the incident.

Commissioner Niles indicates that although both agencies are now conducting their own separate investigations, the Department of Juvenile Justice is also receiving complete cooperation from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice investigation is ongoing at this time.

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