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Corrections News

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Mueller Chosen as Department March Employee of the Month

Steven Mueller has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for March 2010. Mueller is employed as a Parole Hearing Analyst in Jefferson City, Missouri. Mueller is being recognized for going above and beyond his normal working duties.

In a letter to Mueller, Missouri Department of Corrections Director George A. Lombardi wrote, "You are tasked with responding to all technical violations of parole for which revocation is being recommended. Your decisions must contemplate public risk, offender need, and the best use of available resources. Even with a heavy workload you take the time to assess each case to ensure that incarceration is the only remaining viable alternative. You routinely make contacts above and beyond what is required to ensure the best possible outcome for each case. When a parole absconder was arrested in Tampa, Florida instead of having him returned to us for revocation, you reviewed the circumstances of the arrest and identified significant health problems that would have made his transportation to Missouri difficult and costly. After a thorough assessment of risk, you arranged for the Interstate Compact Unit to request emergency reporting instructions from the Florida Interstate Compact. By all indications this offender has been reengaged in the supervision process, has had no further encounter with the law, and is reporting as directed in Florida. In a separate incident, you worked with a parole violator pending revocation to establish an adequate intervention plan. By connecting the offender to community based resources, the Board allowed him to remain on parole.

These are not isolated incidents. You continuously go the extra mile to accomplish our mission of improving public safety through secure confinement and effective community intervention. You do this one offender at a time, treating all with dignity and respect. You are a fair and balanced decision maker who is influential in the department's ability to effectively manage bed-based resources for technical parole violators without compromising public safety. Your ability to accept a diversity of job assignments and perform them at high level benefits Probation and Parole, and the Department as a whole."

Mueller has been employed with the Department of Corrections for 20 years and resides in Jefferson City, Missouri.

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