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RADER SUPERINTENDENT LEAVING FOR PRIVATE SECTOR

Sand Springs--Robert E. “Gene” Christian, Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) Executive Director, has announced that Jimmy Martin, L.E. Rader Superintendent, will be leaving the Rader facility effective June 30, 2007. Superintendent Martin will be leaving the facility to take a position in the private corrections sector. Martin was hired by the Office of Juvenile Affairs to run the Rader facility on August 18, 2004. During his tenure, Superintendent Martin supervised the building of the new security fence and implementation of the Behavior Management Unit, enhanced the Mental Health Stabilization Unit, upgraded security cameras and policies, advocated for higher staff pay and strengthened community relationships. “Jimmy Martin has been a strong asset to the Rader facility and to OJA. His experience, leadership and level of dedication will be missed,” stated Christian. Christian further stated “It is not surprising that OJA couldn’t keep Jimmy simply because we cannot compete financially with either the private sector or other state agencies.”

The L.E. Rader facility is a medium and maximum secure facility which provides treatment and rehabilitation to 154 adjudicated delinquent youth. The ages for juveniles in the facility range from 13 to 20. Of the three OJA secure facilities located throughout Oklahoma, Rader has the only maximum secure unit. “It has been an exciting challenge working at Rader and I have really enjoyed the past three years. More importantly, it has been an honor to work with the committed and professional staff at the Rader facility. They genuinely care about changing these young men’s lives and believe in what they are doing. I am looking forward to different challenges and this new position with the private sector has the potential to open up a wider array of career opportunities,” explained Martin.

Current OJA staff will be assuming the superintendent’s duties until a replacement can be hired. OJA will begin an immediate search for a new facility administrator.

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