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Leadership Change at NBCI

Warden Bobby Shearin to Move Next Door From WCI

Towson, MD (March 9, 2009) --- The Maryland Division of Correction has announced a leadership change at the maximum-security North Branch Correctional Institution near Cumberland. Warden John Rowley, who is currently on leave, will be replaced by Bobby Shearin, who moves next door from Western Correctional Institution (WCI), where he has served as warden.

Mr. Shearin has more than 35 years in the federal and Maryland correctional systems. He is a former Deputy Commissioner of the DOC and a welcome addition to NBCI.

Mr. Rowley, a former acting Commissioner of the Division of Correction (DOC) has more than 30 years of corrections experience in several states.

Commissioner of Correction J. Michael Stouffer thanked Warden Rowley for his dedication and looks forward to utilizing Rowley's skills and experience to benefit the Division in another capacity. "North Branch is a very challenging facility, and I sincerely appreciate all that Warden Rowley has been able to accomplish in a super-maximum-security environment."

North Branch is the state's newest, state-of-the-art maximum-security facility. WCI is also maximum-security. Dr. Harry Murphy, current Assistant Warden of WCI, will become the institution's acting warden for the time being. The prisons are adjacent facilities on U.S. 220 five miles south of Cumberland at Cresaptown.

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