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Wisconsin DOC Announces Changes at Southeastern Regional Office of the Division of Juvenile Corrections

MADISON, Wis—Two supervisors at the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Division of Juvenile Corrections Southeastern Regional Office in Milwaukee will be relieved of their duties at that office and assigned other duties within the DOC starting Sunday, February 26.

Regional Juvenile Community Corrections Chief Audrian Brown and Corrections Field Supervisor Alfred Beans were placed on paid administrative leave in August when the DOC initiated an internal investigation into the Southeastern Regional Office (SERO) following the shooting death of Sharon Staples and the arrest and charging of three juveniles, including two teenagers who were under supervision by agents at that office.

The investigation uncovered a number of issues relating to the administration of the office and the oversight of its employees.

Stephanie Hove has been the interim Regional Chief of SERO during the DOC investigation and will continue in that capacity until a new Regional Chief is appointed.

Wisconsin DOC Secretary Gary Hamblin said Thursday that the Department takes its responsibility to properly supervise all juveniles placed under its Division of Juvenile Corrections very seriously.

“The DOC is committed to doing everything in its power to ensure the public is protected and that juveniles and adult offenders are properly monitored and supervised in the community,” Secretary Hamblin stated.

“We have thoroughly investigated procedures in the Milwaukee office and reviewed all of its operations. We are now taking the additional steps necessary to address the areas of concern and ensure operations meet DOC standards for professionalism in executing our mission of providing public safety.”