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## Parole, Newark Highlight New Crime-Fighting Partnership

*"Police-Parole Partnership" Includes Weekly Intelligence Sharing, Joint Street Operations*

NEWARK – State Parole Board Chairman Yolette C. Ross today joined Newark Police Director Garry McCarthy to demonstrate Newark's "Police-Parole Partnership": An initiative for direct sharing of intelligence between both agencies, to enhance investigations and public safety without creating new taxpayer costs.

The announcement included the demonstration of a database that uses parole and police information in ongoing investigations.

"Some of the finest officers in New Jersey – our parole officers and Newark's police – are collaborating at a street level, to keep a better eye on our parolees and develop greater inroads for criminal investigations," Ross said. "This partnership is also a unique example of the ways state and city agencies can combine their resources, to enhance public safety without creating new costs."

In keeping with the goals of Governor Corzine's Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods, this is the latest in a series of Police-Parole Partnerships the State Parole has created statewide. Earlier agreements were created with the municipalities of Irvington, Camden, Union City and Jersey City.

The interaction between both agencies includes:

- Weekly strategy discussions between parole officers from the agency's district office in Newark, and police officers in each of the Newark Police Department's four precincts. Meetings cover intelligence trends, investigations and the adjustment of offenders under State Parole Board supervision in the districts. The State Parole Board will soon identify two parole officers to each police precinct, as a permanent liaison.
- Data-sharing. The Newark Police Department's database now receives detailed case sheets, updated on a weekly basis, of all individuals under State Parole Board supervision in the city.
- Joint street operations and executions of search warrants, as needed. Municipal police officers join parole officers on parole-specific missions such as unannounced home visits, interviews at the Parole district office, or execution of warrants. Parole officers join municipal police on their missions, including patrols, execution of warrants, and surveillance.

New Jersey's parole officers also serve as active partners with multiple law enforcement agencies and task forces including the US Marshals New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

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The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey's lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct more than 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB's sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle of recidivism and reduce risk of crime.

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