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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD SWEARS IN 10 NEW PAROLE OFFICERS

PAROLE RECRUITS TAKE FOUR OF FIVE AWARDS AT DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE'S BASIC INVESTIGATOR COURSE GRADUATION

TRENTON, NJ, June 24, 2019 — Recently, 10 New Jersey State Parole Board parole officer recruits were sworn in at the agency's Central Office in Trenton. The recruits were part of a larger class of 24 newly minted investigators from law enforcement agencies throughout the state who graduated from the Division of Criminal Justice's (DCJ) Basic Course for Investigators earlier this month at Monmouth University.

The parole recruits graduated from a six-month basic course for investigators that covered general topics such as investigative procedures, apprehension, and the prosecution of criminals. Basic firearms training and physical conditioning were also conducted during this rigorous training academy course held at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, New Jersey.

During the commencement ceremony, parole recruits were honored with four out of five awards presented to the class including, *The Academic Achievement Award* (Nicholas DeSenso), *The Firearms "Top Gun" Award* (Michael Gallagher), *The Physical Conditioning Award* (Eric Bacany), and *The Instructors' Determination Award* (Rosaly Diaz).

New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said, "It is truly an amazing achievement for the agency to witness our recruits celebrated with these awards. Their accomplishments are a testament to not only their hard work and dedication, but speaks volumes to our training staff as well."

Executive Director Steven Tallard added, "The parole officer recruit classes' education, experience, and motivation is always outstanding, and this





class is no different. This was reflected in their achievements at the academy, and no doubt will serve them well during their careers."

Director of the Division of Parole Edward G. Jackson said, "This class of recruits clearly demonstrated the high quality of officers the division employs to assume the tremendous responsibilities placed on our agency, and I commend them on a job well done."

The parole officers will now report to their assigned district offices and be paired with a senior parole officer who will act as their field training officer for the next four to six weeks.

Below is a list of the New Jersey State Parole Board parole officers who were sworn in:

Eric Bacany John Bello Jennifer Camy Nicholas De Senso Rosaly Diaz Michael Gallagher Priscilla Garcia Jason Martinez Richard Mursheno Raymond Taylor

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid supervised offenders in reentering society, and to reduce the recidivism of offenders while addressing the needs of crime victims. As required by law, appointed parole board members and staff conduct approximately 13,500 hearings per year, solicit input from victims, and decide upon parole matters. Nearly 400 sworn SPB parole officers supervise more than 15,500 offenders and act as New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. Additionally, SPB officers are also active partners with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, the SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect former inmates with vocational, mental health, and related services.

Photo Captions:

Photo # 1: New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. (far right) and Legal Support Unit Chief, Robin Stacy (second from right) swear in the 10 new parole officer recruits at the State Parole Board's Central Office in Trenton.

Photos # 2: New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. (center) with the parole officer recruits after their graduation ceremony outside the Pollack Theatre on the campus of Monmouth University.