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Jesse Ballard III Appointed Director of Public Safety Internal Investigative Unit

TOWSON, MD (April 8, 2011) --- Mr. Jess Ballard III, a 24-year veteran of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), was officially appointed Director of the Internal Investigative Unit (IIU) today by Secretary Gary D. Maynard. Prior to today's appointment Ballard served six months as Acting Director for the unit.

Ballard started his career with the Department as a Correctional Officer working at Maryland Reception Diagnostic & Classification Center (MRDCC) in 1987. He joined the ranks of then the Department of Correction (DOC) Investigative Unit in 1989, under the established agency of the Maryland State Police. The Internal Investigative Unit became part of the office of the Secretary in 1999 and renamed the DPSCS IIU. He became a sworn police officer in 1994, working his way through the ranks of the Internal Investigative Unit to this top position.

The Internal Investigative Unit conducts criminal and administrative investigations of serious misconduct within the DPSCS. In addition to conducting investigations within statutory authority, the agency is the Department's liaison with allied federal, state and local law enforcement agencies providing investigative services and support to their investigations.

Please welcome Director Ballard to the permanent post as this unit is critical to protecting the public, its employees, and detainees and offenders under its supervision.

"Mr. Ballard has served the Department well for more than 20 years protecting the public, its employees and the detainees and offenders under its supervision" stated Secretary Maynard. His dedication to public safety and leadership over the past six months for the IIU is commendable. We are pleased to welcome him to our executive team."

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its employees and the detainees and offenders under its supervision.

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