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Volusia County Pretrial Services gains re-accreditation

DeLAND - Volusia County Pretrial Services gained re-accreditation from the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) on June 24.

Pretrial Services, an office of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court Administrator's office, assesses and supervises qualified defendants who are released from jail while their criminal cases are pending. Persons under the supervision of Pretrial Services maintain contact with court officers, comply with a variety of conditions and attend scheduled court dates and events.

"Our judges depend on Pretrial Services to provide accurate and timely information on newly-arrested defendants and to properly supervise those that may be released while awaiting trial," said Chief Judge Terence R. Perkins. "The diligence and hard work of these professionals greatly assists the court in identifying those that may pose a risk to public safety. Moreover, through the direct efforts of Pretrial Services, the court can better recognize those individuals that can be safely released and monitored in the community and, thus, not over-populate our jail."

During the fiscal year 2013-2014, Pretrial Services handled and closed nearly 4,000 cases, with 98.6 percent of those defendants making all of their court appearances.

Volusia County Pretrial Services first received its accreditation from the commission

in 2008 and gained re-accreditation in 2011. By granting accreditation, the commission confirms that an agency has met required standards in areas such as personnel policies, organization and management, general principles governing the pretrial process, first appearance, release conditions and electronic monitoring. The commission has accredited six pretrial services agencies in Florida.

For more information about the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, visit <http://www.flaccreditation.org/>.

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