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**Volusia County Pretrial Services earns accreditation**

**Daytona Beach** – Volusia County Pretrial Services was awarded accreditation from the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission June 10 during its quarterly meeting in Coral Springs.

An office of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court, Volusia County Pretrial Services assesses and supervises qualified defendants who are released from jail while their criminal case is pending. Persons released to Pretrial Services maintain contact with court officers, submit to random drug testing and are court ordered to comply with a variety of conditions.

“We commend our staff for the additional work and commitment that led to our accreditation status. The professionalism and competency of our Pretrial Services staff gives our judges the tools they need to make informed release decisions,” said Chief Judge J. David Walsh. “We’re also grateful for support from Volusia County Government in funding the program, which helps relieve the jail population by giving judges the ability to release individuals who do not appear to be a threat to themselves or others while charges are pending.”

Volusia County is one of three Pretrial Services agencies to become accredited since the commission started pretrial accreditation in October 2007. In 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.

For more information on the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, visit [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org).

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