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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) June 28 during its quarterly meeting in Bonita Springs.

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

“While a lot of their work is behind the scenes, our Pretrial Services staff provides an invaluable service to the Court. They give judges the information they need to make informed release decisions. They also supervise non-sentenced individuals while their cases are pending. All of this is done to ensure public safety,” said Chief Judge William A. Parsons. “The ability to release qualified individuals to pretrial supervision also helps reduce housing costs at the jail. None of this would be possible without the financial and philosophical support from Volusia County Government.”

First accredited in 2008, Volusia County is one of five Pretrial Services agencies currently accredited by FCAC since it 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 about FCAC, visit www.flaccreditation.org.

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