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STOLWORTHY ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION, INTENT TO ACCEPT POSITION IN IRAQ

(JUNEAU) -- Deputy Commissioner Don Stolworthy today announced he has accepted a position in Iraq, working as a Warden for the United States Department of Justice.

Stolworthy's resignation from the Department of Corrections is effective January 14. He is based in Anchorage.

"I will be helping to train Iraqi corrections officials, and I will be stationed in Baghdad," Stolworthy said. His initial deployment will be for up to one year.

"It has been an honor to serve the state of Alaska, and to work in the Murkowski administration," Stolworthy added.

"Don has been an instrumental part of this administration's command staff," said Corrections Commissioner Marc Antrim. "The fact that he was selected for this position says a lot about his level of expertise. Don will definitely be missed."

Stolworthy oversaw development of the department's construction and expansion project proposals, and led the reorganization of prisoner classification and transportation functions.

Stolworthy began working for the department in March, 1999 as a probation and parole officer. Previously he worked in the Alaska Legislature and as a special assistant for Governor Walter Hickel, later serving as director of the Division of Charitable Gaming in the Department of Revenue.

Recruitment of a replacement is actively underway.

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