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COMMISSIONER PONTE APPOINTS WARDEN TO BROOKLYN FACILITY

East Elmhurst, NY – New York City Department of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Joe Ponte has appointed Deputy Warden Clayton Augustus as the Warden of the Brooklyn Detention Complex (BKDC) effective Monday, July 21.

“This department depends on strong, professional leadership at all levels,” Commissioner Ponte said. “Deputy Warden Augustus has demonstrated the experience and skills to take on such a leadership role.”

“I am honored that the Commissioner has entrusted in me the responsibility to serve as the Warden of BKDC,” said Deputy Warden Augustus. “I look forward to working closely with Commissioner Ponte as well as with the staff at BKDC.”

Clayton Augustus joined DOC in 1984 and currently serves as Deputy Warden of the George Motchan Detention Center on Rikers Island.

The incumbent Warden of BKDC, Carlton Newton, is retiring from the Department today, July 18.

About the New York City Department of Correction

The New York City Department of Correction (DOC) is the jail system for New York City. It operates Rikers Island, which houses 10 individual facilities, four borough-based jails and two hospital prison wards, as well as court pens in all five boroughs. In FY 2013, DOC had 81,758 admissions involving 58,814 individuals. Its Average Daily Population is approximately 11,500, nearly 80 percent of whom are housed on Rikers Island. Most of the inmates in DOC custody are being detained pending the resolution of charges against them; approximately 15 percent are city-sentenced inmates who are serving sentences of one year or less.

The Brooklyn Detention Complex (BKDC) was built on Atlantic Avenue in 1957, the single-cell jail can house 815 adult males, most undergoing the intake process or awaiting trial in Kings County (Brooklyn) and Richmond County (Staten Island) courts.

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