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## \*PRESS RELEASE\*

## Major Truman Mears Chosen as SCI Deputy Warden

The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) announces that Major Truman Mears has been selected as Deputy Warden of the Sussex Correctional Institution. He will replace Deputy Warden Linda Valentino who retired from the Department in December after 32 years with the Department.

Mr. Mears began his career with DOC in 1989 as a Correctional Officer at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center. Later, he was transferred to SCI where he advanced through the ranks to his current position of Security Superintendent. Major Mears was a CERT member for 18 years, many of which were spent as Team Leader. He was also one of the first staff members at SVOP.

"With his experience and skills, I'm confident Major Mears will be an asset to the SCI leadership team," said Warden G.R. Johnson. "I'm excited to work with him in his new role."

Truman Mears graduated from Indian River High School in 1981. He lives with his wife in Dagsboro. They have six children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Mears' promotion becomes effective January 22, 2017.

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