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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD SWEARS IN EIGHT NEW PAROLE OFFICER RECRUITS

New Parole Officers Join State Parole Board in an Effort to Help the Agency Meet Parole Supervision and Public Safety Missions Throughout New Jersey Communities

TRENTON, NJ, July 17, 2020 — Eight new parole officer recruits were sworn in at the State Parole Board’s central office in Trenton yesterday following Wednesday’s graduation ceremony at the New Jersey National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt. The recruits were part of a larger class of newly minted investigators from law enforcement agencies throughout the state that recently graduated from the Division of Criminal Justice’s (DCJ) Basic Course for Investigators.

The parole officer recruits who graduated from the course, class number 20-1, were Gracie Carroll, Kevin Guillen, Masiel Nunez, Robert Hardin, Jennifer Martinez, Blanquery Tejada, Amanda Davala, and Thomas Zoyac.

Parole Officer Recruit Robert Hardin provided the address to the recruits and was also presented with the Academic Award for his highly successful results during the recruitment training. Also honored was Parole Officer Recruit Thomas Zoyac who received the Class Merit Award. Both Parole Officer Recruits Hardin and Zoyac were recognized as being mentors for the class. Additionally, Parole Officer Recruit Gracie Carroll was acknowledged for her commitment to Physical Training where she received top honor.



The six-month basic course for investigators covers general topics such as investigative procedures, apprehension, and prosecution of criminals. Basic firearms training and physical

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conditioning training are also conducted during this rigorous training academy course held in Sea Girt, New Jersey.

New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said “On behalf of the entire State Parole Board, congratulations to these new recruits whose discipline and passion earned them a place within this agency. Collectively, their achievements underscore the fine work and training provided by our instructors and the exemplary commitment, fortitude, and diligence on the part of the recruits as they embark upon their new careers.”

“This is an exciting time for both, these eight new academy graduates at the State Parole Board,” said New Jersey State Parole Board Executive Director Steven Tallard. “These new law enforcement officers are embarking on a noble and meaningful career and the State Parole Board adds an additional cadre of highly qualified, highly trained, and motivated parole officers.”

New Jersey State Parole Board Director of the Divisions of Parole and Community Programs James Dickinson said “The mission of the New Jersey State Parole Board is two-fold— promoting public safety and helping to provide successful integration for parolees reentering our communities. These added recruits will enhance our agency’s existing force to further ensure that we are successful in meeting our goals.”

The eight new parole officer recruits will report to one of the agency’s 10 district offices, located throughout the state. There they will be paired with a Sr. Parole Officer who will act as their field training officer for the next four to six weeks. They will learn the job as they serve as Parole Officer Recruits for one year, and then be promoted to the title of senior parole officer, following the successful completion of their working test period.



Photo Captions:

Photo #1: The recruits at their graduation ceremony on 7/15/20. From left to right are: Gradie Carroll, Kevin Guillen, Masiel Nunez, Robert Hardin, Jennifer Martinez, Blanquery Tejada, Amanda Davala, and Thomas Zoyac. State Parole Board Executive Steven Tallard (far right).

Photo#2: The recruits at their official swearing-in ceremony in Trenton. From left to right are: Thomas Zoyac, Blanquery Tejada, Masiel Nunez, Jennifer Martinez, State Parole Director of the Divisions of Parole and Community Programs James Dickinson, State Parole Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr., Robert Hardin, Kevin Guillen, Amanda Davala, and Gradie Carroll.