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## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS APPOINTS NEW WARDEN TO ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Kansas Department of Corrections is pleased to announce the appointment of Johnnie Goddard to the position of Warden at Ellsworth Correctional Facility. The appointment will become effective on June 23, 2007. Until that time, Mr. Goddard will continue his duties as Deputy Warden of Ellsworth Correctional Facility.

Mr. Goddard has been employed by the Kansas Department of Corrections since 1985 when he began work as a Corrections Officer I at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. He became a Sergeant at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility in 1988. He was promoted through the ECF ranks to the position of Corrections Counselor I the same year, Corrections Counselor II in March of 1989, Unit Team Manager in June of 1989, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator in 1996. He was appointed Deputy Warden of Ellsworth Correctional Facility in 1999, a position he has held since that time.

Mr. Goddard received his Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Social Science degree from Kansas State University in 2007. From 1989 to the present, he has received various corrections-related certifications including *Special Operations Response*, *Defusing Crisis Situations*, *Correctional Leadership*, *Administration of Justice*, *Kansas Quality Management*, *Management Development for the Future*, *Executive Leadership*, and *Leadership Development Academy*.

According to Deputy Secretary of Facilities Management Chuck Simmons, "Johnnie Goddard has been a great asset to the Kansas Department of Corrections. He is a true corrections professional, is highly respected by the ECF staff and the Ellsworth community, and we believe he will make an excellent warden for Ellsworth Correctional Facility."

Mr. Goddard will follow Sam Cline as warden of Ellsworth Correctional Facility. Mr. Cline was recently appointed warden of Hutchinson Correctional Facility.