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## **Independent Monitor Joshua W. Martin III Releases Second Report Regarding Inmate Health Care in Delaware**

**WILMINGTON, Del.** – Joshua W. Martin III has released the second report in his role as Independent Monitor overseeing the progress of the Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) in satisfying the requirements of a 2006 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DOC and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) relating to prison medical and mental health care at the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution, the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution, the Delaware Correctional Center, and the Sussex Correctional Institution.

The second report is available at [www.deprisonmonitor.org/reports.html](http://www.deprisonmonitor.org/reports.html).

As Independent Monitor, Mr. Martin, together with the medical and mental health professionals who are members of the Monitoring Team, is monitoring the DOC's compliance with the requirements of the MOA. These requirements apply to DOC policies and procedures, recordkeeping, medication and laboratory orders, staffing and training, screening and treatment, access to care, chronic disease care, medication management, emergency care, mental health care, suicide prevention, and quality assurance. In addition, the Monitoring Team is providing technical assistance as needed in order to assist the DOC with reaching or sustaining compliance with certain of the requirements under the MOA.

The Independent Monitor is required to issue semi-annual reports regarding the DOC's progress. The first of these reports was released on June 29, 2007.

On December 29, 2006, the DOJ and the State of Delaware entered into the MOA which requires the State to take measures to ensure that adequate medical and mental health care is provided to its inmates. The DOC then issued a Comprehensive Action Plan that identified the specific measures that the DOC intends to take in order to bring the four facilities covered by the MOA into compliance with the MOA. The Comprehensive Action Plan has been accepted by the DOJ.

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