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DATE: **June 3, 2009**

NN Inmates Earn GEDs at Jail Annex

Four Newport News inmates have earned their GEDs while behind bars at the Newport News Adult Detention Center (a.k.a. Jail Annex). In addition to earning a GED, each has earned a contact visit with loved ones. Only G-Rated kisses are permitted, but the visit is greatly appreciated by inmates who otherwise only get to speak to loved ones over the phone through Plexiglas.

Graduation is today, June 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Jail Annex on 25th Street between Washington and Huntington Avenues.

Sheriff Gabe Morgan's vision for the Jail Annex, dedicated in December of 2008, is to use it for rehabilitative programs. The environment is more conducive to academic and trade courses. If inmates can develop tools that will aid them in earning a legal living upon release from jail, they are less likely to commit another crime. It is Sheriff Morgan's commitment to ensuring the safety of the citizens of Newport News.

The Jail Annex serves another important function besides helping to reduce recidivism. It eases the overcrowding in the main jail.

WHO: Newport News Sheriff's Office
WHAT: GED Graduation Ceremony
WHEN: Wednesday June 3, 2009 @ 2:00 p.m.
WHERE: Newport News Adult Detention Center (a.k.a. Jail Annex)
228 -- 25th Street; Newport News, VA
(between Washington and Huntington Avenues)

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