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FOR RELEASE: **Immediate**

DATE: **February 6, 2013**

Inmates earn GED behind bars increasing chance of success when free

The Newport News Sheriff's Office continues to graduate inmates from its GED program at the Newport News Jail Annex, 228 -- 25th Street, Newport News. On Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., four inmates will celebrate with a graduation ceremony in which their family is invited to attend. This contact visit, a supportive hug from a Mom/Dad, a G-rated kiss from a significant other, or a unequaled squeeze from a child, is one of the rewards for earning a GED at the Newport News Jail.

The other reward is their increased chance of success when they leave jail and transition back into to the community. Under education is one of the primary contributing factors to criminal behavior, as is under employment. Attaining a GED can improve job prospects.

Interviews will be available.

WHO: Inmates earn GED
WHAT: Graduation Ceremony
WHEN: Wednesday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m.
WHERE: Newport News Jail Annex
228 -- 25th Street; Newport News, VA

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