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ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S JULY TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to three Essex County employees and one student attending the Essex County Vocational Technical School District. Teamwork Awards recognize employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality service and highlights the achievements of students attending the County's Vocational Schools.

Dawane Murphy, a 2010 graduate of Essex County Newark Tech, is a well-rounded student who distinguished himself as a student leader. He was involved in many extracurricular clubs, such as the Debate Team and the Mock Trial Team, and was elected President of the entire student body during his senior year. As a result of his leadership, the students were able to participate in several new initiatives. He was instrumental in creating a Student Constitution that was well received by both the students and faculty at Newark Tech. Dawane plans to pursue his Bachelor's Degree in the fall at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Jonathan Landrum is a 21-year veteran of the Essex County Sheriff's Department assigned to the Internal Affairs Unit. Detective Landrum is responsible for investigating citizen complaints, conducting background checks on new officers and deputies, and responds on a 24/7 basis to incidents where Essex County Sheriff personnel have fired their service weapon. He is a seasoned detective who is well versed in all Internal Affairs procedures and is greatly admired and respected by his peers. Prior to his assignment in the Internal Affairs Unit, Detective Landrum served in the Detective Bureau, the Courts and the Speakers Bureau, where he counseled youngsters about the dangers of guns, drugs and gangs.

Phillip Gregory began his tenure with the Essex County Prosecutor's Office in 2005 as a Detective in the Homicide Unit. Detective Gregory is responsible for conducting investigations that involve murders, police shootings resulting in injury or death, suspicious deaths such as suicides, sudden infant deaths and found bodies, and construction fatalities. He often responds to the scenes of murders and other relevant cases being investigated by the Homicide Squad to assist in the investigative efforts of his colleagues and has willingly accepted Homicide On-Call assignments at all hours of the day without advance notice. Prior to joining Essex County, Detective Gregory was a police detective with the Irvington Police Department for 15 years. Throughout his prior law enforcement experience, he has conducted criminal investigations within the sections of Internal Affairs and Narcotics.

Bridget Carselda, a Data Processing Programmer in the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Senior Services, joined Essex County in December 2008. Bridget plays an important role in assuring the accuracy of the payroll ledger information and timeliness of payment vouchers for all grants. She also serves as the liaison for maintenance services, purchasing supplies and processes requests.