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

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented three County employees with September Teamwork Awards during the monthly teamwork program. The following employees were commended for their dedication and commitment to serving the public.

Officer Joseph Castellano began his career with the Essex County Sheriff's Office in 2001 in the Courts Division. In October 2006, Castellano, along with a fellow officer, subdued a robbery defendant who had assaulted his attorney in Judge Casale's courtroom. He has received many departmental commendations for his efforts to maintain safety in the County court complex. While off duty, vacationing in Orlando, he helped the Orlando Airport Police arrest an intoxicated person who had allegedly assaulted one of their officers.

Vanessa Harper Woods began her career with Essex County in 1994 as a Senior Clerk in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Complaint & Indictment Division. The Complaint & Indictment Division is a four-person unit that processes approximately 12,000 complaints a year. As a Senior Clerk, she is responsible for entering complaints from the Central Judicial Processing Unit into the Promis/Gavel system, assuring that the correct information is matched to each defendant.

Terrance McCoy is a Tenant Relations Assistant with the Department of Citizen Services, Division of Community Action and began working for Essex County in 2000. He is responsible for assessing the needs of HIV/AIDS clients through the Division of Community Action HOPWA Program in the Tenant Resource Center. When the Division restructured its HOPWA Program, Terrance played an active role, implementing the necessary changes that have resulted in a more effective program and enhancing quality of life for people with HIV/AIDS. In addition, he serves as the Division's Personnel Liaison and is a member on the Grant Compliance Monitoring Team, which ensures that grantees are in compliance with the terms and conditions of their contracts.