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Chief Justice to swear in eight intensive supervision officers

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Supreme Court Chief Justice Brent D. Benjamin will deliver the oath of office to eight new Intensive Supervision Officers (ISO) from various areas of the state at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in the Supreme Court Chamber.

Five officers are replacing officers that have resigned; three are new officers hired due to the increasing number of sex offenders being released from prison.

In 2006, the Legislature passed the Child Protection Act, giving special duties to West Virginia probation officers to provide more stringent supervision to those convicted of sexual offenses. The Intensive Supervision program was developed under the leadership of then-Chief Justice Robin Jean Davis in 2006 and 2007 by Division of Probation Services Director Mike Lacy and Deputy Director Caren Bills. In 2008, the division rolled out the specialized intensive supervision unit.

Officers work as multi-judicial circuit probation officers and supervise only sex offenders. ISO officers work out of their vehicles, not offices. They work holidays, nights, weekends, and hours in between, to provide intensive community supervision. The officers also work with circuit judges and treatment providers to make sure offenders are complying with court orders. The extended supervision includes polygraph examinations and electronic monitoring.

Six ISO regions serve fifty-five counties. Each region has a lead officer who acts as the supervisor for that area. A map of regions is available on the West Virginia Judicial website at <http://www.courtsvw.gov/court-administration/probation/soiso.html>.

Those who will be sworn in on Wednesday are:

- Benjamin Ahmed – Region II, new
- Monica Brown – Region IV, replacement
- James Conley – Region II, replacement
- Jeffrey Carter – Region II, new
- Javan Eary – Region IV, replacement
- Jennifer Lester – Region IV, new
- Brian Moore – Region IV, replacement
- Travis Roberts – Region I, replacement

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