Warden Jody Bradley Returns to the Wilkinson County Correctional Facility

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(WOODVILLE, Mississippi) – A familiar face has returned to Woodville to serve as the new warden of the Wilkinson County Correctional Facility. Warden Jody Bradley, who served as warden of the facility shortly after it opened in 1998, has been selected by Management & Training Corporation (MTC) to once again lead the facility. Warden Bradley replaces Warden Frank Shaw who was transferred to another MTC facility in Arizona where he currently serves as complex administrator.

Warden Bradley is well known in Woodville not only because of his history as warden but also because he and his wife Barbara operated three businesses in town allowing them to get to know many people.

“It’s great to be back,” said Warden Bradley. “We’ve made lifelong friends in the area.”

Warden Bradley has more than 27 years of experience in corrections. He began his career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and has since served in numerous leadership positions. He earned his master’s degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University. His master’s thesis dealt with the impact of education on inmates and recidivism. His study concluded that offenders who earned their GED were 70 percent more likely to be successful after release than those who had not.

Warden Bradley added, “Research shows that good programming in prison reduces recidivism. I’ve seen it firsthand. This fact is the main reason I decided to work for MTC. Their philosophy is rehabilitation through education—and they’re right on the mark. While we can’t change everyone, the majority of offenders will greatly benefit from all the programs offered at the Wilkinson facility. I’m glad to be a part of this worthwhile effort.”