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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

Secretary Gary Westcott

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Media Advisory

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections to Hold Press Conference

Introduction of new leaders, updates on Elayn Hunt Correctional Center operations

Baton Rouge, LA – Leadership and staff from the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) will hold a press conference to announce departmental leadership changes and updates surrounding Elayn Hunt Correctional Center (EHCC) operations.

WHO: Secretary Gary E. Westcott, DPS&C
Deputy Secretary Bobby “Jamie” Lee, Jr., DPS&C
Undersecretary Tammy Grant, DPS&C
Chief of Operations Seth Smith, DPS&C
Warden Travis Day, EHCC
Colonel Robert Hodges, Louisiana State Police
Sheriff Brett Stassi, Iberville Parish Sheriff’s Office (tentative)
District Attorney Tony Clayton, 18th Judicial District (tentative)

WHAT: Introduction of new DPS&C leaders, Elayn Hunt Correctional Center updates

WHEN: Monday, Feb. 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
604 Mayflower St. | Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Headquarters | Building 10 | H.C. Peck Conference Room 244

Please refrain for parking in reserved spots or under the covered parking area.

WHY: Due to the recent leadership changes at headquarters and EHCC, the department will introduce the new deputy secretary, undersecretary, and EHCC warden. The various leaders will address information surrounding the correctional facility’s staffing shortages, efforts to fight contraband, medical complexities of inmates housed at the correctional facility, and discuss updates.

Members of the media should arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled time to allow for check-in, presenting press credentials, and set-up. Media inquiries should be directed to the Communications Director, Tiffany Dickerson at DOCcommunications@la.gov or 225-219-0499.