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TO: All DOC Staff

FROM: Stephen Sinclair, Secretary

SUBJECT: Second Line of Duty Death from COVID-19

On December 30, 2020, I [shared with you](#) that Officer David A. Christensen of the Stafford Creek Corrections Center passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 from complications of COVID-19.

The Department will be honoring Officer Christensen's death as a line of duty death (LODD). I'm authorizing the wearing of a mourning band until midnight on Friday, January 15, 2021.

Losing a member of our public safety community and correctional family is a tragedy. Officer Christensen provided dedicated service to the Department and had a long career in corrections and criminal justice. He will be missed by those whose lives he impacted and our thoughts continue to be with his grieving family.

With Officer Christensen's family's approval, the agency and staff from Stafford Creek Corrections Center have partnered with [Behind the Badge Foundation](#) (BTBF) to provide a memorial service for Officer Christensen at a time in the future when statewide COVID restrictions have been lifted. Information regarding a memorial service will be shared when available.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other during this difficult time, and support is available through the [Staff Psychologists](#) and the [Employee Assistance Program](#). I appreciate you and thank you for your service.