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Keith Decker Promoted to Probation and Parole District 13 Supervisor

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 13, 2018) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Director of Probation and Parole John Hall today announced that Keith Decker has been promoted to supervisor of District 13 in Owensboro. District 13 covers nine counties including Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Union and Webster. Decker assumed his new duties on Sept. 1.

"These are exciting times within the Division of Probation and Parole," said Hall. "Keith Decker has always displayed the courage, dedication and commitment needed to maintain the forward momentum of District 13 and the division as a whole."

Decker began his state employment with the Department of Military Affairs in November 1992 as a commissioned special law enforcement officer/security specialist. He transferred to the Division of Probation and Parole in October 2006. He served as a supervising officer for Daviess and Ohio counties and was promoted in July 2011 to assistant supervisor for District 13. He has also served as the chief firearms instructor, district armorer and as a PREA investigator for the division.

A 20-year retired veteran of the U.S. Army and the Kentucky Army National Guard, Decker served as an infantryman in the 101st Airborne Division and the 3rd Infantry Division while on active duty. He also served as a battalion intelligence sergeant, senior instructor, quality assurance non-commissioned officer, before finally retiring as a first sergeant in the National Guard. Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Decker served as first sergeant of the military police assigned to the airport security detail for Kentucky's airports.

Decker is a graduate of Murray State University where he earned a degree in secondary education in history and German. He is also a graduate of three military leadership academies and was named the Distinguished Honor Graduate for the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course. He was the recipient of the 2010 Achievement Award for District 13.