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Re: Hernando County Sheriff's Office Detention Center Lieutenant Receives
National Designation From American Jail Association

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Lieutenant Javier Dejesus recently received the national designation of Certified Jail Manager (CJM) by the authority of the American Jail Association through its Jail Manager Certification Commission. These certifications are granted upon the successful completion of a rigid experiential background application. Along with passing an intensive four-hour examination jointly prepared by the American Jail Association and the Jail Manager Certification Commission.

Certification in jail management demonstrates competency and professionalism in the field, indicates a strong level of knowledge in the specialty, and recognizes continuing education and growth.

"Attaining this certification from the American Jail Association is completely voluntary and shows Lieutenant Dejesus' knowledge, experience, and commitment to his chosen profession. The citizens of Hernando County should be very proud of Lieutenant Dejesus and all of the professionals committed to the mission of running a constitutional jail," said Sheriff Al Nienhuis.

The American Jail Association (AJA) is a national, nonprofit, educational organization that delivers professional development, personal certification, and advocacy services to correctional personnel at all ranks and operational levels in the nation's 3,500-plus jails and detention facilities. The AJA is the largest association that focuses exclusively on issues affecting today's jail professionals.

The Jail Manager Certification Commission and the American Jail Association promote the concept of voluntary certification of all jail personnel. Certification is one part of a process called credentialing. It focuses specifically on the individual and provides evidence of that individual's competency in the field. Certification signifies and documents the mastery of a strong level of knowledge in the specialized field. It plays a significant role in the elevation of professionalism and provides an opportunity for professional growth by encouraging education which, in turn, fosters effective management practices.

The AJA's certification programs are designed for those individuals who strive to elevate the field of local corrections.

For more information, visit www.americanjail.org/certification/.