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## NORFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE EARNS PERFECT SCORES IN AUDIT

DEDHAM, June 8, 2015 – Norfolk County Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti and his staff at the Norfolk County Correctional Center recently earned a 100 percent score in an audit of their home confinement program by the American Correctional Association (ACA).

"It's an admirable program and I hope others around the country will adopt it" Stephen Arnold, an ACA auditor and former corrections supervisor from Arkansas, said about the Norfolk Sheriff's Office program.

Both Arnold and his fellow auditor William Brand, a retired Mississippi Department of Correction supervisor, said they were impressed by the effectiveness of the program and also praised the professionalism of the Norfolk Sheriff's Office (NSO) staff and the cleanliness of the correctional facility.

Arnold went on to say, "Sheriff Bellotti believes in accreditation. It starts at the top. And from the top to the bottom, everything is in place."

Brand added, "The people here take pride in where they work."

The recent audit marked the fourth time the NSO's Electronic Incarceration Program has earned a perfect score. The program uses electronic ankle bracelets for carefully chosen offenders, allowing them to work at a job during the day and then be confined to their homes at night. The bracelets carry a GPS chip that enables staff to closely monitor the whereabouts of the offender.

The program prepares the offenders for their return to society when their sentence is completed and enables them to have employment already in place when they are released.