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GOVERNOR SWEARS-IN JACK TERHUNE AS CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER

Gov. Christie Whitman today swore-in Jack Terhune as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

"Jack's long experience will serve him -- and our state well," Gov. Whitman said. "He's spent nearly 30 years in local law enforcement. He's taught at police academies in New Jersey and New York. Jack has received special training at the FBI Academy and he created New Jersey's first in-house drug treatment program for a county jail."

As Commissioner of Corrections, Terhune will oversee the management of New Jersey's 14 correction facilities and a prison population of approximately 27,000.

"I am excited and gratified by the opportunity to make the New Jersey Department of Corrections the most innovative and efficient corrections system in the country," Terhune said.

Terhune served from 1991 to 1998 as Sheriff of Bergen County, where he was elected three times by popular vote. As the county's chief law enforcement officer, Terhune successfully managed a \$33 million budget without line-item increases over three years. Terhune implemented an overtime cost reduction program that resulted in a 40 percent decrease in overtime expenses.

In addition to designing and implementing the first in-house drug treatment program for a county jail, he also initiated the state's largest D. A. R. E. program to keep Bergen County youth off drugs and alcohol.

Prior to his election as Bergen County Sheriff, Terhune served for more than 20 years with the Teaneck Police Department.

He is a graduate of Rutgers University and received a masters in criminal justice from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice - City University of New York.