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**Steven Espy Promoted To
Director, Diversion Division**

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Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that Mr. Steven Espy has been promoted to Director of the Diversion Division.

The Diversion Division is responsible for reviewing and investigating the cases of first-time felony offenders charged with a Diversion eligible offense in Montgomery County. Currently there are 37 non-violent, felony offenses eligible for program consideration. If the offender is deemed appropriate for participation in the program, he or she is offered an opportunity to accept responsibility for their crime by admitting guilt, paying full restitution to the victim, performing community service, and remaining both crime and drug free for a predetermined supervision period. The minimum supervision period is 12 months. Once the defendant has fulfilled all requirements and the victim has been fully compensated, the charge is dismissed. However, if the offender does not fulfill all requirements as agreed, his or her Diversion case is unsuccessfully terminated and the case is returned to court for full prosecution.

Mr. Espy received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Wright State University in 1985. He is also a 1997 graduate of the Sinclair Community College Police Academy. Since Mr. Espy joined the prosecutor's office in August 1992, he has been assigned to the Diversion Division as a Diversion Officer.

Prosecutor Heck said, "Steven has been an excellent diversion officer, supervising offenders and ensuring they are held accountable for their actions. He is a great choice to lead that division."

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