

# **Eighth Judicial District begins management restructuring**

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The Eighth Judicial District, which provides all adult correctional services for the 14 counties of Southeastern Iowa, is being redesigned at the executive management level.

Daniel T. Fell, director of the Eighth Judicial District, announced two new appointments.

Ron Mullen, of Fairfield was promoted to the newly created position of assistant district director on March 14.

In his new job, Mullen will be in charge of all probation, parole and pretrial services.

“There are approximately 3,000 offenders in the district and a majority is in field services,” Fell said.

Mullen has more than 32 years of experience helping people, the last 23 years being with the corrections system in Iowa, Fell said. Mullen has a master's degree in psychology and served as the district's treatment director until the recent appointment.

On March 17, Vince Remmark of Ottumwa was appointed Director of Special Services in the District, taking over Mullen's duties in a newly formed division encompassing the entire district's treatment programming and the certified law enforcement unit.

He will manage the district's special services, including treatment and the High Risk Unit.

Treatment services are given to sex offenders, batterers, people with anger management, those who need to develop better reasoning skills and victim restorative justice, Fell said.

Remmark holds a master's degree in youth development and previously supervised the High Risk Unit.

Fell will continue handle general district administrative duties and be responsible for the district's residential facilities that house 110 to 115 offenders.

Fell said Mullen and Remmark will work on budget oversight, strategic planning and risk management.

The reconfiguration of duties is expected to help save money by “weeding out what we are doing that is not cost effective and allow us to see if it's working,” Fell said. This will allow us to be proactive.