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PRESIDENTIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GIVEN POSTHUMOUSLY TO UNION COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER

Debbie Honored for Longtime Contribution to Colleagues, Devotion to Family

Atlantic City, N.J. – Former Union County Principal Probation Officer II

Daniel Debbie was honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) with the organization's "Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award", considered one of the highest honors within the community supervision system. He passed away in 2010 after more than 25 years serving the county, 20 of those as a Probation Officer.

George P. Christie, president of PANJ, praised Debbie for his years of devoted service to Union County as well as his contributions to his fellow PANJ supervisors.

"I am proud and humbled to recognize a man that had such a long and respectable career in Probation. Daniel was a true example of a diligent, devoted and passionate worker," said Christie. "Through his devotion to his colleagues and his service, Daniel gained the admiration of all those that served with him. This award is a testament to all of the contributions that he made to PANJ."

Debbie was instrumental in establishing Union Probation's Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI) Supervision Unit as well as Union County's local Intensive Supervision Program which was designed to help relieve prison crowding. He was also called upon to train new officers and supervisors and went above and beyond his duties by volunteering for extra assignments. Those that nominated Mr. Debbie said that he was deeply respected by everyone in Union Probation for his strong commitment and his passion in his work as demonstrated by his 17 years as a Supervisor Representative.

This year's 69th annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute, "Net-Working: The New Frontier", deals with new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age. At the gathering, outstanding leaders among probation officers and court supervisors as well as Assemblyman Thomas Giblin received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders in addition to serving and leading their respective divisions.

With an estimated 139,000 adults and 20,000 juveniles under probation system, New Jersey is the nation's ninth largest adult probation system. There are approximately 2,800 probation officers and supervisors in New Jersey.