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**PROJECT RETURN NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**NASHVILLE, April 8, 2004** — Project Return, Inc., a Nashville-based nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting ex-offenders in re-establishing their lives, named **C. David Delbridge** executive director in mid March. With more than twenty-eight years of law enforcement, judiciary and correctional experience, he spent twenty years with the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services for the Middle Tennessee District of Tennessee, retiring from the position as Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer in August 2000. During his career he has worked closely with federal district and magistrate judges, the U.S. Attorneys Office, the FBI, DEA, Secret Service, INS, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Delbridge received his Masters Degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Sociology and Business from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. Prior to becoming a federal probation officer in 1980, he served as a juvenile probation counselor with the state Department of Correction for eight years, supervising juveniles who were adjudicated as delinquent or unruly. He also served as a Federal Guideline Sentencing Specialist from 1988 to 1995, acting as a liaison to local attorneys, the U.S. Attorneys Office, while training local federal probation staff in guideline sentencing procedures and investigation. A people-oriented manager with a proven record of successful development and implementation of effective programs, he worked with the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Justice Programs, monitoring grant recipients to determine compliance with grant contracts from 2001 to 2002.

A Rutherford County native, he is married to Cecilia L. “Cissy” Mynatt, former associate executive director of the Center for Nonprofit Management, a nonprofit organization committed to helping area nonprofits enhance their results by providing educational services, consultation, and information.

Since 1979, Project Return has helped probationers, parolees and their family members to become self-sustaining, law-abiding members of the community. The agency provides training and assistance designed to increase employability, improve life skills, and reduce recidivism rates. In addition to the adult services offered, the organization created Project Success in 1999, a program that assists youth who have been adjudicated for juvenile offenses. The youth program empowers participants with the opportunity to learn how to be more successful in school and work, thus, preventing the juvenile offenders of today from becoming the adult offenders of tomorrow. ■

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