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MEDIA RELEASE

BRADLEY COUNTY JAIL EARNS TENNESSEE CORRECTIONS INSTITUTE TIER 1 ACCREDITATION

BRADLEY COUNTY, TN. (December 10, 2025) — The Bradley County Jail has once again earned Tier 1 Accreditation from the Tennessee Corrections Institute, having first achieved this status in 2024. This recognition follows a comprehensive audit conducted by the Tennessee Corrections Institute, evaluating the facility against rigorous standards for operations, safety, and inmate care.

During the Tennessee Corrections Institute board meeting on December 3, 2025, the Board of Control voted to approve the renewal of accreditation and congratulated the Bradley County Jail on attaining this level of professionalism within the organization.

Sheriff Steve Lawson stated, “We are proud of our team for their dedication and hard work in achieving this important recognition once again. This accreditation demonstrates our ongoing commitment to professionalism, accountability, and excellence in corrections.”

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
