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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**  
**Lawrence A. Stelma – Sheriff**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

June 1, 2015

**Undersheriff Promotion**

I am pleased to announce that Michelle LaJoye-Young is promoted to Kent County Undersheriff effective Monday, June 1, 2015.



**MICHELLE LaJOYE-YOUNG**

Hired as Corrections Officer December 11, 1989

Promoted to Sergeant assigned to Records Bureau July 11, 1994

Promoted to Lieutenant November 29, 1999

Promoted to Captain January 1, 2007

Promoted to Chief Deputy January 1, 2011

Michelle served in the Army National Guard and Reserves from 1985 and left as a Captain in 1998. Michelle attended Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy; obtained her Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and Masters Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. She graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2012. Michelle represents the Sheriff's Office and Kent County on a variety of committees locally, statewide and nationally.

Please join us in congratulating Michelle on her promotion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Sheriff.