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### **TDCJ selects Echessa as CID Region III director**

**T**he Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has selected Leonard Echessa as Region III director for the Correctional Institutions Division (CID), effective October 1.

Echessa, a 21-year veteran of TDCJ with a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University, began his agency career as a correctional officer, and was promoted through the ranks, eventually serving as senior warden at the Glen Ray Goodman Transfer Fa-



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cility in Jasper, followed by three years as senior warden at the Jester IV Unit in Richmond.

CID Director William Stephens commended the new Region III director, saying, "Leonard's twenty plus years of experience includes assignments on units with diverse operations. His strong leadership qualities, experience and commitment to our overall mission will serve the agency well." ●