



CID selects Martinez, Blackwell as region directors

In September, TDCJ's Correctional Institutions Division selected Miguel Martinez as director of CID Region IV, based in Beeville, and David Blackwell as director of CID Region V, which includes the Texas Panhandle.



Miguel Martinez

Miguel Martinez began his career with TDCJ in 1995 as a correctional officer at the Connally Unit and has held many correctional supervisory positions within the agency, including assistant warden and warden. Martinez most recently served as senior warden at

the McConnell Unit in Beeville.

As director of CID's Region IV, Martinez oversees 17 units in an area that stretches from the southern Gulf coast to El Paso. Martinez replaces Joe Grimes, who retired.

Martinez holds an Associate of Arts degree in Correctional Science from Coastal Bend College and is a member of the American Correctional Association.

David Blackwell has more than 27 years of experience with TDCJ, having started his agency career in 1989 at the Wallace Pack Unit in Navasota. Blackwell rose through the security ranks and served as the senior warden at the Hightower Unit in Dayton and the Skyview/Hodge Complex in Rusk. Most recently, he held the position of senior warden at the Hughes Unit in Gatesville.

As director of CID's Region V, Blackwell oversees 17 units in North Texas.

Blackwell is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at Southwest University and is a member of the American Correctional Association,

the Texas Corrections Association and the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents.

Lorie Davis, director of the Correctional Institutions Division, congratulated Martinez



David Blackwell

and Blackwell, saying "Their strong operational oversight and leadership abilities will serve the agency well as we pursue new opportunities and face future challenges." ▲