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ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF ANNOUNCES LOWER PHONE RATES FOR ALL INMATE CALLS

Middleton, Massachusetts... Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger announced implementation of lower inmate phone rates starting September 2, 2019 for all Essex County Sheriff’s Department facilities.

A one-minute outgoing call has been reduced from $2.65 to $ .18 and 5 minute calls have been reduced from $3.25 to $ .90, and a 30 minute call will be $5.40, reduced from$7.00.

“Our department encourages inmates to have communication with family members through phone as well as on site visits at our three facilities. Working to reduce the financial burden to provide phone access reinforces this,” said Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger.

Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger, who has long maintained his commitment to decreasing the financial burden on inmates and their families stated, “I am pleased that these new rates will help ensure inmates receive family support which has been shown to be a key factor in reducing recidivism rates.  Research shows that increased communication with loved ones helps to maintain community ties that are crucial in reducing the probability of recidivism.”

Sheriff Coppinger and his team are committed to leveraging all available communication technologies to support family, employment, housing and education, thereby enhancing the possibilities of the inmate’s successful reentry into the community.

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