## Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News Eugene J. Conway

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## Sheriff Conway to Promote First Female Custody Captain

**Syracuse, New York-** Onondaga County Sheriff Eugene J. Conway will formally announce the promotion of a new Custody Captain.

On Friday, May 6th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., a brief ceremony will be held at the Onondaga County Justice Center, located at 555 South State Street, where Sheriff Conway will appoint Kathleen Ford (51), of Elbridge, as the first female in the history of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Custody Department, to the rank of Captain. Ford will replace Captain Kevin Brisson's position as he was recently appointed to the position of Assistant Chief Custody Deputy of the Sheriff's Custody Department.

Ford, a twenty year veteran of the Sheriff's Custody Department, first joined the Sheriff's office in 1996. She was promoted to the rank sergeant in 2003 and then to the rank of Lieutenant in 2008, becoming the first female to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the history of the Custody Department. During her tenure, Ford has served as a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team and as a Field Training Officer for newly hired recruits. She is also a Certified Jail Manager and the first female statewide to have achieved this designation.

On April 22nd, Sheriff Conway appointed Kevin Brisson (58) of Cicero, to the position of Assistant Chief Custody Deputy after longtime Assistant Chief, Vincent Wasilewski retired. Brisson has been a member of the Custody Department since 1982. He was first promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1988 before being promoted to Lieutenant in 1997 and then to the rank of Captain in 2005. As Assistant Chief Custody Deputy, Brisson will assist Chief Custody Deputy Esteban Gonzalez with managing the Sheriff's Custody Department.



Captain Ford will be responsible for managing the Security and Operations Division of the Sheriff's Custody Department. #####