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GOVERNOR VENTURA APPOINTS SEVEN TO SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

(St. Paul, MN) – Governor Jesse Ventura today announced the appointment of Laurie Dudero, Bill Ingebrigtsen, Robert Knickerbocker, Scott Swanson and Christine Zajac and the reappointment of Mary Howard, Ph.D. and Raymond Schmitz to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission. All seven positions are coterminous with the Governor and expire on January 6, 2003. Governor Ventura also designated Sheryl Ramstad Hvass, who is a member of the Commission by virtue of her position as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Corrections, Chair of the Commission.

Dudero, St. Paul, has been a personal witness of the state's justice system through the prosecution of the individual convicted of the hit-and-run death of her daughter. Dudero replaces Donald Streufert on the Commission as a public member who is the victim of a felony.

Howard, St. Cloud, is a psychologist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in St. Cloud and an adjunct faculty at St. Cloud State University. She has served on the Commission since 1987. Howard is appointed to another four-year term as a public member.

Ingebrigtsen, Alexandria, was elected to a third term as Douglas County Sheriff last November. He has been the sheriff for eight years and has 27 years of experience in law enforcement in Minnesota. Ingebrigtsen replaces Scott Mattison on the Commission as a representative of peace officers.

Knickerbocker, Minneapolis, is a career probation officer with Anoka County Community Corrections. He has been a probation officer with Anoka County since 1978. Knickerbocker replaces Stanley Suchta on the Commission as a representative of probation or parole officers.

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Schmitz, Rochester, has been the Olmsted County Attorney since 1982 and was an assistant Olmsted County Attorney since graduation from law school in 1968. He has served on the Commission since 1996. Schmitz is reappointed as a representative of county attorneys.

Swanson, Minneapolis, is an appellate attorney in the Minnesota State Public Defender's office and an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. Swanson replaces Jenny Walker on the Commission as a representative of public defenders.

Zajac, Minneapolis, is an attorney with the law firm of Lanners and Olson in Plymouth. She has been a law clerk for both the Hennepin and Ramsey County Attorneys' offices and for Hennepin County District Court. Zajac replaces Theartrice Williams on the Commission as a public member.

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission develops and maintains rational and consistent sentencing standards which seek to reduce sentencing disparity, increase proportionality in sanctions, and ensure more equitable and uniform sentencing for convicted felons. The Board consists of 11 members.

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