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Chatman chosen as Department February Employee of the Month

Jeffrey Chatman has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) Employee of the Month for February 2011. Chatman is employed as a Corrections Officer I at Boonville Correctional Center, in Boonville. Chatman is being recognized for going above and beyond his normal working duties.

In a letter to Chatman, DOC Director George Lombardi said, "On September 1, 2010, in the Housing Unit 5 team office at Boonville Correctional Center, an offender threatened to harm staff members and would not comply with directives given by the staff. The offender then became combative and out of control, he challenged and tried to attack four staff members, including you. The offender ran up the stairs and into a bay, grabbing an ice chest and throwing it at you. When the offender charged at you, you took control of him and subdued him to the floor until restraint could be placed on him."

Chatman has been employed by the DOC for 13 years and resides in Columbia.