



**Riverside County Sheriff's, Correctional Officer Vignette
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Corporal Geraldine Jackson, Riverside County Sheriffs-Corrections.

Corporal Jackson speaking about her job and the Department:

You never imagine what goes on inside of a jail until you step foot inside of a jail.

I've been a correctional deputy fourteen years.

Currently I'm assigned to the head count management unit and we facilitate movements throughout the entire county to control head count issues.

Most of the time we start in the old jail so that you can get the one on one inmate contact and start to establish your command presence and actually dealing with the inmates face to face.

I've had very few problems in getting the inmates to comply...
If you're firm, fair, answer their questions...and make sure you are doing all that you can do as far as what your job entails, you have very few problems.

Safety is very important.

You have to be able to communicate...If you have a good command presence most of your other issues fall into place.

You have to trust your partner...
...You really rely on them and actually there's a lot of close friendships that develop in there.

I have been very fortunate to have a lot of good support behind.

Every year they have what's called an annual jail training... you go in and you learn the newest defense skills.

They make sure you have the training you need to advance and move forward.
Before corporal I was a senior deputy and then I went for corporal...you can still go further for sergeant or lieutenant just within the corrections division.

I am very happy and satisfied with what I'm doing with the sheriff's department.

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