



# PLATTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**SHERIFF MARK S. OWEN**

## Press Release

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Sheriff Mark Owen is pleased to announce that starting June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Platte County Sheriff's Office will be partnering with A Turning Point Academy to make a diploma completion program available to inmates in the Platte County Jail. The Academy is a program offered through A Turning Point, which is a not-for-profit based in the Kansas City area. In addition to the diploma completion program, A Turning Point provides food pantry, wardrobe, support groups and other community services.

Sheriff Mark Owen said, "We are very excited to be able to offer this program to the inmates in the Platte County Jail. The ability to obtain a diploma has the real potential of giving these inmates opportunities that could change their life and hopefully keep them out of the criminal justice system. We are grateful for the willingness of A Turning Point Academy to be a part of this program."

Cathy McIntire, A Turning Point's Executive Director, said, "We are thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to partner with the Platte County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center in

this way. We believe that our Academy has the potential to make a life-changing impact on those that participate and graduate with us and we look forward to this working relationship!”

The program is being provided at no cost to either the taxpayers or the inmates. Volunteer tutors from the Academy will be available if any inmate needs assistance with their course work. Inmates that are released prior to completing the program will be able to continue the program online or at the offices of A Turning Point in Northmoor, Missouri.