Hoquiam and Department of Corrections to Open City Jail April 1

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - No fooling, as we reported to you last week, the city of Hoquiam will open their jail full time soon. Police Chief Jeff Myers said last week "Our first two Police Service Officers graduated, with the three we're thinking that we're going to get started. Having a little bit of a twisted sense of humor, I'm thinking we're going to open officially on April 1st."After 4 weeks at the academy in Burien, PSO Kevin Noffsinger, and Jerad Spaur were sworn in at the council meeting last night by Mayor Jack Durney "This is a great opportunity for these fellas, needless to say, but also for us. We've got enough people in place now to get to work." The PSO’s will join retired Detective Sgt. Roy Kinney, rehired as a third PSO.Chief Myers said he's been very frugal, but very busy at the jail over the past year; "Through savings and very frugal spending we utilized existing funds to make a lot of capitol improvements in anticipation of reopening this year."The city of Hoquiam contracted with the Department of Corrections last summer to open the jail full time for the first time in over 10 years. Mayor Durney said that reopening the jail has been one of his goals since taking office in 2003, and thanked Chief Myers, along with Senator Jim Hargrove, DOC, and city staff for their work to make it happen.