

FAREWELL by UPOA Vice President Vera Thompson

My time as a Probation Officer and Supervising Probation Officer, as well as, the Vice President of UPOA has come to an end. It is with bittersweetness that I must submit my retirement.

My time with both has been most enjoyable. I have met some great and some not so great people (LOL), but either way it was enjoyable. Although I would like to remain, as my mind says stay but my body say go. I have chosen to listen to the signs and submit my retirement papers.

I have had the opportunity to work with some great colleagues. I have learned a lot, especially patience while working in the DSOD Unit. The work we all performed has impacted lives for the good and I wish you all much success at performing these life changing duties.

So, as I limp into the sunset to spend time with my family, I want to wish you all the best. Thank you for my most enjoyable years with DOP. I will take with me friendships I have developed and precious memories. As Gladys Knight stated in one of her songs "if anyone should ever write my life story" DOP will be there between each line and glory.

Again, thank you all for the memories.