

Burril named to Ombudsman special post

Catalino Barril, a Tlingit from Juneau, has been appointed to lead the state Ombudsman's office investigation of complaints about general conditions and operations of the State Corrections System.

Barril, 47, is currently Community Liaison Manager of the Office of Telecommunications in the Office of the Governor.

More than 50 complaints regarding inmate problems and other concerns about the corrections system have been received by the Ombudsman.

Ombudsman Frank Flavin said more than 125 persons submitted applications for the position.

"Mr. Barril is not an orthodox selection; he is a man who has walked several different paths in the past ... private businessman ... active union member and grievance handler ... active in Native affairs," Flavin said of the appointment.

Barril will begin his official investigation September 15 and may be reached at Pouch WO, Juneau, Alaska 99811.