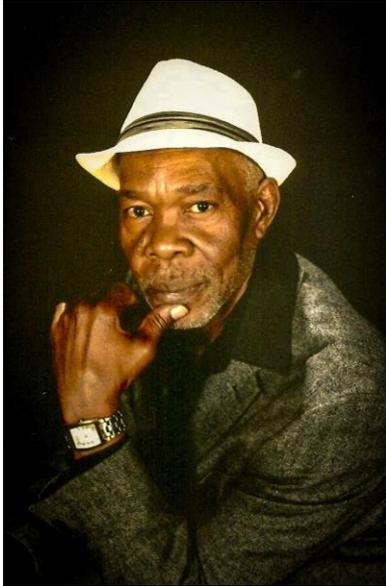


CLASS OF 2020



Charlie J. Robinson Jr.

On November 27, 2019, Charlie Robinson retired from the State of Florida after having served 47 years and 7 months of working with youth referred for allegedly committing acts of delinquency.

Born and raised in Tampa, Robinson attended Florida A & M University majoring in Mathematics. He also played drums in the Marching "100". Robinson received a B. S. Degree in Mathematics from FAMU in December of 1968. From January 1969 to April 1972 he taught Mathematics in middle schools in Hillsborough County.

In April of 1972 Robinson went to work with the State of Florida's Health and Rehabilitative Services as a "Youth Counselor" for delinquency. At that time it was the Division of Youth Services, but is now called the Department of Juvenile Justice (DOJJ). His entire tenure with the State of Florida was with Delinquency

Prevention/Intervention. During Robinson's tenure he held a number of different job responsibilities including Probation Officer, Special Intensive Group Counselor, Associated Marine Institute Liaison for the Department, Case Management Officer, Intake Officer, and Commitment/Transition Officer. He was also often tasked with training interns and new employees.

One of his most memorable and challenging events was in 1974 when Robinson and two of his co-workers went to the Arthur G. Dozier School in Marianna, Florida, and had 7 of the most difficult delinquent boys released. They transported these youth back to Hillsborough County to provide "intensive supervision" of them in the community. This was the beginning of what was then called the "Special Intensive Group" program. Robinson stated that this experience requires a book of its own!

Robinson currently lives in Brandon, Florida. He is married to the former Ms. Sharen King of Tallahassee, FL. They have a son and a daughter, both of who are graduates of FAMU.

Robinson's plans are to visit all 50 states in the U.S. Thus far he only has about 5 more to visit. He's also a musician and occasionally performs with local groups.

Watch the video presented at the 2020 Heroes in Public Safety Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony of Tangela Brown speaking on behalf of Charlie Robinson [HERE](#).