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Sol Rodriguez, the Executive Director for Open Doors, said their group did not specifically request the men be placed as RIde drivers, but lauded the quasi-public agency for agreeing to help the former inmates.

"RIPTA was forward-thinking in hiring these guys," Rodriguez said. "We know these guys,we've been working with them. hey have obviously proven themselves or we would not have sent them to RIPTA if they didn't make good employees."

Odimgbe told Target 12 Open Doors was "supervising" the drivers while they worked at RIPTA, but Rodriguez said that does not mean they monitor the men while driving a bus.

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We don't get them a job and forget about them," Rodriguez said.