Public Safety Sex Offender Registry Monday, September 18, 2000 9:00 a.m. Criminal Information Center

Talking Points

- A top priority for our administration is the safety of our people.
- Fighting crime has gotten harder in many ways over time, but we are making tremendous strides in technology that allow us to track down criminals in ways we never dreamed.
- Today's announcement is the kind of technology we are talking about.
- The operation of this sex offender registry web site, arms the families of Mississippi with a powerful tool to fight potential crimes in their neighborhoods and communities.
- The creation and maintenance of the web site is possible because of a cooperative effort between the Department of Public Safety and Sheriff's Departments in each of our 82 counties across the state.

- Correct data collection and upkeep of the site are crucial in this process.
- Once again, we are proving that we can be more effective by working together with other agencies and organizations.
- The Sex Offender Registry Web site will aid in crime <u>prevention</u>, which means everything to the mothers, fathers, men, women and children of Mississippi.
- We are using every available resource to fight crime in our state, and thanks to the leadership of Public Safety Commissioner David Huggins and the men and women officers of the Highway Patrol we are making great progress.
- We thank you for making Mississippi a safer place to live, work and raise our families.
- (Turn to David and shake his hand.) Thank you David