

MEMO

To: Dr. Cole

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Subject: Lt. Gov. cell phones/pagers

Date: 1/23/00

CC: Gov. Musgrove, John Gilbert

As of Friday, 1/21, the cell phones and the pagers used by Lt. Gov. Musgrove and his staff were still active.

Three cell phones were being charged to the Mississippi State Senate. Two phones were in the Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) cars used by the Lt. Governor Musgrove. One phone was property of DPS and the other is apparently property of the Senate. Steve Armstrong collected the handheld phone used by Lt. Gov. Musgrove but its whereabouts are unknown at this time.

The accounts for the phones had the following names assigned to them – MS State Senate, Ronnie Musgrove and Amy Tuck. Lt. Gov. Tuck has not requested that a cell phone be transferred to her name. All three accounts were closed on Friday, per the Governor's instructions. One phone will deactivate on 2/4/00 and the other two phones deactivate on 1/27/00. All three accounts have a freeze on them so no usage can be charged. The DPS officers were aware of the deactivation before it occurred. The Senate comptroller has been informed on the status of the accounts.

The cell phones need to be located and confirmed property of the Senate and returned immediately.

The two pagers used by Jayne Butross and Steve Armstrong were still active on Friday, 1/21. The Senate had received bills from Mobile Comm for service and unreturned equipment. Steve's pager was returned to me and deactivated on Friday. Jayne's pager has remained active. Steve transferred the account to the Ronnie Musgrove for Governor account. Mobile Comm will credit the Senate account for the bills. The transfer to the campaign account was made without Scott Darling's knowledge. The bill received for the transfer did not have an authorization signature.

Jayne wants to keep her pager number with Mobile Comm. Her pager is active and being charged to the campaign. Michael Boyd is working on confirming which company the Governor's office will use for pager service. A possibility exists that the Governor's office will use Mobile Comm. If not, I recommend that Jayne's pager be deactivated and a new pager issued from the company the Governor's office is using for service.