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MDOC To Hold Interview and Screening Day October 17, 2002

Jackson— The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) will hold a interview and screening day for approximately 80 applicants, 62 of which are from the LeFlore County area. The October 17, 2002 interview and screening process will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Mississippi.

“The majority of the applicants are residents of LeFlore County and security personnel that were employed with the Delta Correctional Facility,” said MDOC Commissioner Christopher Epps. “We plan to hire between 30 and 40 Correctional Officers that will begin the first week in November.”

Commissioner Epps and MSP Superintendent Emmitt Sparkman will be present during this interview and screening process. Each applicant will receive a letter outlining the interview and screening process. The process takes approximately six hours and includes a drug test, oral and written interview, and physical agility test.

Each applicant is asked to bring the following documentation with them for the interview and screening:

- Copy of your highest level of education, minimum of a high school diploma or GED
- Valid state of Mississippi driver's license
- Social Security Card
- If you are a male between the ages of 18 – 26 you must provide proof of Selective Service Registration.

Each applicant is responsible for paying for the \$10 dollar drug test. Applicants must bring a money order for \$10 dollars made payable to the Mississippi Department of Corrections. No other form of payment will be accepted. All applicants will be unable to complete the interview and screening process without the drug test. Applicants that are taking prescription medication that may produce a positive reading should bring the prescription with them.

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Successful applicants will be considered for employment initially as a Correctional Officer Cadet. Upon successful completion of the four week MDOC Training Academy, officers may be eligible to be reclassified to a higher classification based on education and years of criminal justice experience.

Applicants with a disability that may need special services or accommodations in the application process are asked to contact the Classification/Evaluation Division at (601) 359-5578.

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