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Response to Earlier News Release from JPD

Jackson – In response to an earlier press release sent today by the Jackson Police Department, Mississippi Department of Corrections officials would like to clarify a few items regarding offenders Fred Hemphill and Allen Sims.

Both offenders were sentenced to probation from Warren County. According to the MDOC Community Corrections Division, which supervises offenders in the community on probation, parole, etc., Hemphill has followed the conditions of his probation until the alleged incident at Captain D's last week. MDOC notified JPD that Hemphill was on probation on Friday, Feb. 7; the same day Hemphill turned himself into JPD.

According to information from JPD, Hemphill posted \$20,000 on a \$200,000 bond on Feb. 7 and was released. The MDOC Community Corrections Division in turn issued a warrant for Hemphill on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, for violating the conditions of his probation.

A warrant was issued in 1999 for Sims, who violated the conditions of his probation and has been at large since.

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