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## Crime Victims' Rights Week Activities

**Jackson** — Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Division of Victim Services Director Tara Frazier today announced several activities throughout Mississippi in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Many activities are planned throughout the week of April 6 – 12, 2003 during Crime Victims' Rights Week, and include:

- Monday, April 7: Office of the District Attorney – 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District – will host a crime victims' vigil at Pinehurst Park in Laurel at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8: Governor Ronnie Musgrove has signed the Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation and Department of Finance and Administration Executive Director Gary Anderson will be making the presentation of the proclamation to Mississippians For Crime Victims' Rights. Mississippi Department of Public Safety Commissioner David Huggins will make the presentation of the Amy Clayton Victim Service Awards and Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Christopher Epps will make the presentation of the Mississippi Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse Award. The press conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Press Room of the Woolfolk Building in Jackson.
- Tuesday, April 8: Mississippi Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc. and Mississippi Department of Corrections – Division of Victim Services will host a crime victims' vigil at 6:30 p.m. at First Pentecostal Church in Brandon.
- Thursday, April 10: Sharing Our Strength a program of the Sexual Assault Crisis Center in Hattiesburg will host a crime victims' vigil at 7:00 p.m. at Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center in Hattiesburg.

The theme for the 2003 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Fulfill the Promise." Said Tara Frazier, Division of Victim Services Director, "These and other service agencies in Mississippi are committed to fulfilling the promise to crime victims and survivors of homicide victims that we will continue to strive to meet their needs for information, compassion and dignity throughout the criminal justice process."

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