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## MDOC Community Services Division and Central Office Employees Receive Employee Recognition Awards

Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced the monthly award recipients for April 2002 today. In the Community Services Division, the following employees received awards:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Award</u>
Neal Davis	Field Officer II	Pontotoc	Extra Effort Award
Mike LaRue	Field Officer III	Corinth	Field Officer of the Month
<b>Danny Paris</b>	Commander	Lambert	Staff Employee of the Month
Gene Sias	Commander	Rosedale	Extra Effort Award
Eddie Thompson	Field Officer I	Hickory Flat	Extra Effort Award
Jerry Wilder	Correctional Officer II	Canton	Security Employee of the Month

In addition, the award recipients from MDOC's Central Office include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Award</u>
Belva Sessions	Personnel Officer I	Jackson	Staff Employee of the Month
Shirley Weidman	Personnel Office Director	Terry	Extra Effort Award

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins; the employee of the month recipients also received plaques, which are displayed at their work location. MDOC began the monthly awards program last July in an effort to recognize the outstanding employees and their dedication to the agency's mission of providing public safety.

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**MEDIA NOTE:** If you would like more information on the award recipients, contact Claire Papizan at (601) 359.5689 or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us">cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us</a>