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MDOC Central Office Employee Receives Award

Jackson – The employee recognition/service awards ceremony for the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Central Office was held in Jackson today. At the ceremony, employee Sherry Robinson received the Employee of the Month Award.

Robinson, the newly appointed Legislative Liaison for MDOC, previously worked in the Policy, Planning, Research and Evaluation Department as a Division Director II. Robinson was nominated for the award because of her innovation in creating a database which serves as a central repository for facility data; she was nominated for the award by her previous supervisor, Audrey McAfee.

“Sherry has used innovation and creativity in developing several weekly reports that have proved invaluable to monitoring trends in the offender population,” said McAfee. “Sherry is an asset to the agency and quite deserving of the Employee of the Month Award.”

Robinson, of Ridgeland, was presented a certificate and plaque by Commissioner Robert Johnson. “I am pleased to recognize the hard work that you do each and every day,” said Commissioner Johnson. “The quality of work you do can be seen all across the state. At MDOC we provide a valuable service that is a fundamental mission to the citizens of this state – public safety. I encourage each of you to continue your good work.”

The MDOC Employee Service Award Program originated in July 2001 to nominate fellow MDOC employees for the following awards:

- Correctional Officer of the Month;
- Field Officer of the Month;
- Staff Employee of the Month; and
- Security Employee of the Month.

In addition, MDOC established the Heroism Award and Extra Effort Award. The Heroism Award is given to employees who go above and beyond the call of duty in heroic efforts to either save the life on an individual or prevent other lives from dangerous situations. The Extra Effort Award is designed to recognize employees who go the extra mile or take on additional duties to assist in a project in order to get it done.

MDOC holds ceremonies each month to officially recognize outstanding employees at all three state institutions (Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss; Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss; and South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville, Miss.) and at the MDOC central office in Jackson.

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MEDIA NOTE: MDOC has digital photos of award recipients. If you are interested in receiving a photo, please call Bill Greenleaf at (601) 359-5646 or e-mail him at bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us