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South Mississippi Correctional Institution Contract Worker Arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance on Prison Grounds

Jackson – South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) contract employee Danny J. McGee, of Columbia, was arrested at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the prison. McGee, who served as a canteen warehouse manager on an hourly contract basis, had worked at SMCI since June. Investigators with the Mississippi Department of Corrections' (MDOC) Internal Audit Division (IAD) made the arrest after an internal investigation.

McGee was taken to the Greene County Jail in Leakesville where he is currently incarcerated. He is being held there awaiting a bond hearing. McGee was charged with possession of Schedule II Narcotics (OxyContin and Oxyril) on prison grounds.

“We will be aggressive in our investigations of any reported wrongdoing by staff who abuse their positions of trust,” said MDOC Commissioner Christopher Epps. “We will not tolerate wrongful actions by any employee that would disrupt the integrity and safety of our correctional system and place in jeopardy the public’s safety. Our IAD will work untiringly to investigate and remove from within our ranks all employees who violate their position of trust.”

According to investigating officials, possession of narcotics on prison grounds carries a maximum sentence of three to seven years imprisonment and up to a \$25,000 fine.