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MDOC Arrests Sister of Inmate for Conspiracy to Introduce Contraband (marijuana) into the Mississippi State Penitentiary

Jackson—The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced the arrest of Casey McCain of Drew, Miss., for her alleged involvement with her brother Alton McCain, an inmate at the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) and another MSP inmate, Wesley Hobgood, to introduce narcotics into the prison located in Parchman, Miss.

Casey McCain was arrested Friday, July 26, in Cleveland, Miss. She was charged with conspiracy to introduce contraband (marijuana) and her bond was set at \$10,000.

Charges for conspiracy to commit a crime and introduction of contraband (marijuana) have been filed against Casey McCain, her brother and MSP inmate Alton McCain, and MSP inmate Wesley Hobgood. Hobgood has also been charged with possession of marijuana within the penitentiary.

MDOC Investigators believe Casey McCain conspired with the two inmates and then delivered the marijuana to a predetermined location. Hobgood was caught in possession of the marijuana and McCain subsequently arrested.

If convicted, Casey McCain and her brother, inmate Alton McCain, each face a sentence of up to 15 years and up to \$25,000 in fines for each charge if convicted. Inmate Hobgood faces up to 37 years in prison and up to a \$75,000 if convicted.

Inmate McCain is currently serving a five-year sentence on the charges of uttering forgery, embezzlement, and false pretense from Bolivar County, Miss. Inmate Hobgood is currently serving a 10 year sentence for possession of a controlled substance from Yalobusha County, Miss., and two 3 year sentences for possession of a controlled substance and sale of marijuana charges from Tallahatchie County.

The arrests are part of MDOC's continuous effort to stop the introduction of illegal contraband & drugs being brought in to the prison system.