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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement tonight after the execution of Tracy Alan Hansen:

“Tonight, we have closed a disturbing chapter in our judicial system. However, there are too many other death penalty cases still awaiting some type of resolution. The appeals process is a fundamental part of the judicial system – but the process must be carried out expeditiously. Fifteen years is too long for the families of the victims and the State of Mississippi to wait for justice to be served. Once again I ask all of Mississippi to join me in prayer for the Ladner family and the Hansen family.”

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