

*Statement for the
Robert Johnson Press Conference
August 12, 2002*

Good morning. Commission Robert Johnson has submitted a letter of resignation to me, and I have accepted it. He is leaving this position to pursue another opportunity in the public safety sector.

While I cannot discuss that position at this time, I can say that Robert Johnson has been a tremendous leader for Mississippi's Department of Corrections, and he will be missed.

His list of accomplishments is long. His dedication to the safety and security of the people of this state is evident. His decision to move on is a loss for the state of Mississippi.

I am proud of the work he has done here. I wish him well.