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July 21, 2010 Scheduled Execution of Joseph D. Burns 2:00 p.m. News Briefing

Parchman, Miss. - The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) will hold three news briefings today related to the events surrounding the Wednesday, July 21, 2010 scheduled execution of death row inmate Joseph D. Burns, MDOC # 42963. The following is an update on inmate Burns' recent visits and telephone calls, activities, last meal to be served, and the official list of execution witnesses.

Visits with Inmate Burns:

Tuesday – July 20, 2010 -

Glenn Swartzfager (attorney)

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 – Allowed visits with attorneys, spiritual advisor and friends from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Currently visiting with Inmate Burns:

Jessica Burns (daughter)
Imogene Henry (mother)
Delana Loveless (sister)
Courtney Moody (daughter)
Laken Sides (daughter)
MSP Chaplain James Whisnant

Approved Visitation List:

Jessica Burns (daughter)
Imogene Henry (mother)
Delana Loveless (sister)
Courtney Moody (daughter)
Laken Sides (daughter)
MSP Chaplain James Whisnant
Glenn Swartzfager (attorney)

Activities of Inmate Burns:

- This morning at 5:27 a.m., Inmate Burns was offered breakfast including, 4 sausages, 2 biscuits, 3 eggs 1 serving of rice, jelly, coffee, and milk. Inmate Burns declined breakfast.
- Inmate Burns was offered lunch today consisting of 2 slices of salami, 2 slices of cheese, 2 slices of white bread, 4 ounces of potatoes, 4 ounces of green peas, 2 eight ounce cups of pickles and lettuce, a slice of cake, and juice. Inmate Burns did consume the bread, salami, cheese, pickles, lettuce, and juice.

- Additionally, Inmate Burns ate an early afternoon snack including roast beef and turkey sandwiches and a coca cola.
- According to the MDOC correctional officers that are posted outside his cell, inmate Burns is observed to be talkative and cooperative.

Approved Telephone List:

Inmate Burns requested no one to be placed on his telephone list.

Inmate Burns' Collect Telephone Calls:

Inmate Burns made no phone calls yesterday and has made no calls thus far today.

Burn's Remains:

Inmate Burns has requested that his remains be relinquished to W. E. Pegues Funeral Home in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Last Meal:

Inmate Burns has made no last meal request. He will be offered the standard meal as provided to all inmates.

Execution Witnesses:

Spiritual Advisor for the Condemned	MSP Chaplain James Whisnant
Member(s) of the Condemned's Family	Imogene Henry (mother) Delana Loveless (sister)
Attorney(s) for the Condemned	Glenn Swartzfager
Member(s) of the Victim's Family	Kaye Gordon (sister of Floyd Melvin "Mike" McBride) Josh Criddle (nephew of Floyd Melvin "Mike" McBride)
Governor's Witness	Senator Merle Flowers
Sheriff	Sheriff Jim Johnson, Lee County Sheriff's Office
8 Members of the Media	Mary Kathryn Adams, WAPT - TV Jack Elliott, The Associated Press Jimmie Gates, The Clarion Ledger Keith Hill, Mississippi News Network Brad McMullan, WAPT - TV Ronnie Mott, Jackson Free Press

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