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July 21, 2010 Scheduled Execution of Joseph D. Burns 4:45 p.m. News Briefing

Parchman, Miss. - The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) today briefed members of the news media of death row Inmate Joseph D. Burns' activities from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 4:45 p.m., including telephone calls and visits.

Update:

The U.S. Supreme Court has requested the MDOC postpone Burns' execution for approximately one to two hours in order to review a motion filed by his attorneys today.

Inmate Burns' Collect Telephone Calls:

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

No phone calls.

Update to Inmate Burns' Visits:

Inmate Burns visited from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm with Jessica Burns (daughter), Imogene Henry (mother), Delana Loveless (sister), Courtney Moody (daughter), and Laken Sides (daughter).

Inmate Burns did visit from 3:00 pm until 3:50 pm with attorney Glenn Swartzfager.

He is currently visiting with MSP Staff Chaplain James Whisnet.

Activities of Inmate Burns:

Inmate Burns requested and ate as his final meal roast beef and turkey sandwiches and coca cola. He has declined a sedative and a shower. Inmate Burns remains talkative. He is still hopeful for a stay of execution from the U.S Supreme Court.

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