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## Forrest County State Inmate At Large

**Jackson** - Forrest County Community Work Center inmate **PAUL PETTIS, MDOC #74540**, escaped prior to the inmate count at the work center in Hattiesburg at 7:00 a.m. this morning at the work center. He was last seen wearing MDOC state-issue green and white striped pants with a white MDOC shirt.

Authorities are searching for **PETTIS** a 39-year old black male with brown eyes, black hair and weighs 130 pounds. **PETTIS** is serving a 5-year sentence for a conviction of Possession of Tools for the Commission of a Crime from Lafayette County.

Anyone with any information or sightings of **PETTIS** should contact local law enforcement or Mississippi Department of Corrections at 662.745.6611.

### **Description of Escapee:**

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| <b>PAUL PETTIS</b>   |
| <b>MDOC #74540</b>   |
| <b>BLACK MALE</b>  |
| <b>5'1" Small Build</b>                                      |
| <b>130 lbs.</b>  |
| <b>DOB 08/13/70</b>  |
| <b>Black Hair</b>  |
| <b>Brown Eyes</b>  |
| <b>Multiple Tattoos: Sun on Stomach; "TTS" on Left Hand.</b> |

**MEDIA NOTE:** For a photo of the escapee, visit our website at [www.mdoc.state.ms.us](http://www.mdoc.state.ms.us) and use the inmate search function on the homepage, or follow this link:

<http://www.mdoc.state.ms.us/InmateDetails.asp?PassedId=74540>

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