



Date: September 2, 2010
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“OPERATION CELLBLOCK”

**MDOC PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO REVEAL NEW SYSTEM IN PLACE
TO CONTROL ILLEGAL INMATE CELL PHONE USAGE**

Parchman – The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) will hold a press conference and site demonstration at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP), announcing the implementation of new technology at Parchman that will intercept illegal cell phone transmissions by inmates.

Contraband cell phones are an epidemic problem that corrections officials face nationwide. Inmates are using cell phones for drug deals, witness intimidation, escapes and a wide range of criminal activity. In Mississippi, thousands of illegal cell phones are confiscated from inmates annually by correctional officers.

MDOC, in cooperation with technology solutions partners, Global Tel*Link (GTL) and Tecore Networks, has entered into an arrangement to immobilize illegal cell phone usage by inmates at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. The Tecore Intelligent Network Access Controller (iNAC) Managed Access System is a revolutionary technology that forms a radio frequency umbrella that intercepts cell phone transmissions in a defined area, permits authorized and 911 calls, and prevents unauthorized inmate communications.

The new technology at Parchman is the first commercial deployment of its type in the United States and marks a definitive turning point in the ongoing struggle to prevent illicit use of cell phones in American correctional facilities.

Speakers:

Chris Epps, Commissioner, Mississippi Department of Corrections
Jamie Barnett, Rear Admiral (Ret.), Chief, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission
Jeffrey Haidinger, President, Global Tel*Link
Bruce Portell, Chief Operating Officer, Tecore Networks

When:

Wednesday, September 8, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Where:

Mississippi State Penitentiary
Front Gate Entry

Attendees:

National Corrections Agency Officials from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, and Tennessee; Law Enforcement; Federal and State Leaders

Media note: If you plan to cover the press conference on September 8, please RSVP to Suzanne Singletary by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3rd Deadline via the attached form.

PRISON ENTRY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT RSVP

RSVP
September 8, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Mississippi State Penitentiary
Press Conference

RSVP DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

Please provide an RSVP for each individual

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

All individuals will be required to have state or federal photo identification.

Please be mindful that this event is occurring at a penitentiary and no weapons are allowed on the grounds.

Front Gate Entry:

The Mississippi State Penitentiary is located at the intersection of Mississippi Highway 49 West and Mississippi Highway 32. The institution is approximately 7 miles north of Drew Mississippi and 8 miles south of Tutwiler Mississippi.

Forward the completed RSVP to:

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