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## Media Witnesses Selected for Burns Execution

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Jackson—The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced the selection of media witnesses for the July 21<sup>st</sup> scheduled execution of Joseph Daniel Burns. Five media representatives were selected by lottery at 9 a.m. today at the MDOC Central Office Headquarters in Jackson and will join a representative from the Mississippi Associated Press and Mississippi News Network.

The media witnesses for the July 21<sup>st</sup> scheduled execution are:

**Jimmie Gates**  
**The Clarion Ledger**  
Jackson, MS

**Ronnie Mott**  
**Jackson Free Press**  
Jackson, MS

**Mary Kathryn Adams**  
**WAPT - TV**  
Jackson, MS

**Brad McMullan**  
**WAPT - TV**  
Jackson, MS

**Sasha Heller**  
**The Enterprise-Tocsin**  
Indianola, MS

**Jack Elliott**  
**Associated Press**  
Jackson, MS

**Keith Hill**  
**Mississippi News Network**  
Jackson, MS

The MDOC will forward media center plans and credential information to all members of news organizations who formally requested in writing to cover the Burns execution at the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss.

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