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## MDOC Employees Receive Employee Recognition Awards

**Jackson** – The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced recently the October, November and December South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) and Region III Community Corrections employee award recipients for the fourth quarter of 2009.

### SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

Award Recipient	Title	Hometown	Award
Dennis, George	Correctional Officer IV	Lucedale	Five year tenure award
Nowell, Bonny	Correctional Officer II	Waynesboro	Five year tenure award
Walley, Jason	Correctional Officer II	Richton	Five year tenure award
Breland, Carmen	Case Manager	Leakesville	Ten year tenure award
Csaszar, Joshua	Correctional Officer IV	Leakesville	Ten year tenure award
Harris, William	Correctional Officer IV	Buckatunna	Ten year tenure award
Dortch, Keshia	Correctional Officer IV	Lucedale	Fifteen year tenure award
O'Banner, Isom	Correctional Officer IV	Brooklyn	Fifteen year tenure award
Denmark, Johnnie	Correctional Warden	Neely	Twenty year tenure award
McGown, Mack	Facilities Maintenance Superintendent	Leakesville	Twenty year tenure award
Smith, Billy	Correctional Officer IV	State Line	Twenty year tenure award
Miller, Sylvia	Correctional Officer IV	State Line	October CO of the Month Award
Hill, Shelia	Correctional Commander	Buckatunna	October Security Emp of the Month Award
Brown, Leesa	Case Manager	Leakesville	October Staff Employee of the Month award
Bolton, Renee	Correctional Commander	Petal	October Extra Effort Award
Dearman, Lillian	Correctional Officer II	Millry, AL	October Extra Effort Award
Graves, Adam	Correctional Officer IV	Hattiesburg	October Extra Effort Award
Green, Kimberly	Correctional Officer I	Leakesville	October Extra Effort Award
Hill, Shelia	Correctional Commander	Buckatunna	October Extra Effort Award
McCaa, James	Correctional Supervisor	Buckatunna	October Extra Effort Award
Musgrove, Ruddle	Correctional Officer IV	State Line	October Extra Effort Award
Pruett, John	Correctional Commander	Millry, AL	October Extra Effort Award
Rials, Vincent	Correctional Officer IV	Waynesboro	October Extra Effort Award
Roberts, John	Correctional Commander	Richton	October Extra Effort Award

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Swindle, Christopher	Correctional Officer IV	Waynesboro	October Extra Effort Award
James, Sarah	Vocational Ed Director	Lucedale	November Staff Employee of the Month award
Brown, Burnie	Correctional Officer I	Richton	November Extra Effort Award
Csaszar, Joshua	Correctional Officer IV	Leakesville	November Extra Effort Award
Dennis, George	Correctional Officer IV	Lucedale	November Extra Effort Award
Hardy, Larry	Correctional Officer III	State Line	November Extra Effort Award
Hollingshead, David	Correctional Officer IV	Waynesboro	November Extra Effort Award
Keys, Adrian	Correctional Officer IV	Chatom, AL	November Extra Effort Award
McGown, Mack	Facilities Maintenance Superintendent	Leakesville	November Extra Effort Award
McLendon, Malcolm	Correctional Officer IV	Neely	November Extra Effort Award
Mitchell, Bobby	Construction Supervisor	Leakesville	November Extra Effort Award
Sharpe, Paul	Correctional Officer IV	Leakesville	November Extra Effort Award
Spotts, Floyd	Correctional Officer II	Fruitdale, AL	November Extra Effort Award
Wilkerson, Thomas	Correctional Supervisor	Leakesville	November Extra Effort Award
Wilkins, James	Correctional Officer III	Neely	November Extra Effort Award
Lockhart, Shetica	Correctional Officer III	Waynesboro	December CO of the Month Award
Johnson, Ronda	Correctional Supervisor	Richton	December Security Employee of the Month
Mason, Robert "Doug"	Academic Teacher I	Brooklyn	December Staff Employee of the Month
Houston, Russell	Correctional Officer II	Leakesville	December Extra Effort Award
Miller, Sylvia	Correctional Officer IV	State Line	December Extra Effort Award

### **REGION III – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

<b>Award Recipient</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Award</b>
Donald Saucier	CO IV	Gulfport, MS	Employee of the Month- November
Timothy Couch	CO I	Moss Point, MS	Correctional Officer of the Month-December
Timothy Couch	CO I	Moss Point, MS	Extra Effort Award- November
Rebecca Dearman	CO IV	Gulfport, MS	Extra Effort Award- November
John Gandy Jr.	CO Trainee	Pascagoula, MS	Extra Effort Award- November
Stephen Higginbotham	CO IV	Gulfport, MS	Extra Effort Award- November
Vera Kendrick	CO I	Gulfport, MS	Extra Effort Award- November
Brenda Varnado	FO III	Picayune, MS	Extra Effort Award- November
John Gandy Jr.	CO Trainee	Pascagoula, MS	Extra Effort Award- December
Barbara Gill	FO II	Gulfport, MS	Extra Effort Award- December
Vera Kendrick	CO I	Gulfport, MS	Extra Effort Award- December
George Lander	CO IV	Gautier, MS	Extra Effort Award -December
Clara Miller	CO IV	Grand Bay, AL	Extra Effort Award-December
Robert Moulds	CO IV	Gautier, MS	Extra Effort Award- December
Lakelia Underwood	Case Manager	Moss Point, MS	Extra Effort Award- December

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Earnest Barnes	CO II	Prentiss, MS	Tenure Award- 5 Years
Erin Bounds	Case Manager	Lucedale, MS	Tenure Award- 5 Years
Shannon Foy	Field Worker	Meridian, MS	Tenure Award- 5 Years
Larry Kennedy	CO II	Lucedale, MS	Tenure Award- 5 Years
Cammie Cook	Field Worker	Lucedale, MS	Tenure Award- 10 Years
Jacqueline LaFontaine	Case Manager	Waveland, MS	Tenure Award- 10 Years
Alfred Short	Field Officer	Macon, MS	Tenure Award – 10 Years
Gary Morrow	FO II	Purvis, MS	Tenure Award- 15 Years
Gary Freeman	CO IV	Hattiesburg, MS	Tenure Award-15 Years
George Lander	CO IV	Gautier, MS	Tenure Award- 15 Years
Sidney Sebren	CO IV	Harrisville, MS	Tenure Award- 20 Years
Joseph Proby	Field Officer III	Pass Christian, MS	Tenure Award – 30 Years

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins. MDOC began the monthly awards program in September 2001 in an effort to recognize the outstanding employees and their dedication to the agency's mission of providing public safety.

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**MEDIA NOTE:** If you would like photos of the award recipients, contact Kent Crocker at (601) 359.5689 or send an e-mail to [kcrocker@mdoc.state.ms.us](mailto:kcrocker@mdoc.state.ms.us)