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Governor Musgrove Issues State of Emergency Following Tornado in Newton

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has issued a state of emergency in the aftermath of a tornado in Newton, Mississippi. Musgrove also signed an executive order authorizing Major General James H. Lipscomb III, Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, to order troops to active duty to assist state and local civil authorities.

Copies of the state of emergency and executive order are attached.

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