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MDOC Community Services Deputy Commissioner and Two Regional Directors Retire

Jackson—Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Commissioner Robert Johnson announced today the retirement of John Grubbs, Deputy Commissioner of Community Services. Also retiring is the Community Services Director for Region IV, Ray Hinton, and Community Services Director for Region II, Raymond “Tip” Lumpkin.

Grubbs began his 21-year career in corrections in 1980 as Director of a restitution center in Brandon. Over the years at MDOC, Grubbs worked his way up from Area Supervisor to Regional Director and finally Deputy Commissioner of Community Services in 1985. In 1995, Grubbs became the Deputy Commissioner of Institutions until last year when he eventually moved back to Community Services.

During his time at MDOC, Grubbs noted that the field of corrections has grown quickly. Grubbs said, “There has been extreme growth in corrections in Mississippi. Since 1994, we’ve added approximately 10,000 prison beds and we’ve taken an Intensive Supervision Program that started in 1994 from zero to almost 1200 offenders.”

Also retiring from MDOC is Ray Hinton, Community Services Director for Region IV, which includes 24 counties in the southern region of the state. Hinton is retiring after 22 ½ years with MDOC. Hinton began his career with MDOC as a probation and parole officer in 1980. Eventually, Hinton was promoted to Community Work Center Director at Forrest County Community Work Center in Hattiesburg. After 5 ½ years at the community work center, Hinton began his position as Community Services Region IV Director.

“The Community Services Division is on the right track,” Hinton said. “We’ve come a long way. It’s a good feeling to know you’ve made things a little better when you leave.”

Raymond “Tip” Lumpkin, is retiring after almost 28 years with MDOC. Lumpkin began his career at MDOC in August 1973 as a Probation and Parole officer. Lumpkin was instrumental in creating the offender drug testing program. Lumpkin was later promoted to Community Services Area Supervisor and in 1995, to Community Services Director for Region II, which includes 17 counties.

Vadie Jordan, who worked with Lumpkin for many years, said “He valued my opinion. He always did what was best for the community, the region and MDOC.”

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