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MDOC Community Corrections Division and Central Office Employees Receive Employee Recognition and Service Awards

Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced the monthly award recipients and service award recipients for June 2002 today. In the Community Corrections Division, the following employees received recognition awards:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Award</u>
Takesha Darby	Accounting Clerk Sr.	Jackson	Staff Employee of the Month
Deryl Saylor	Field Officer II	Booneville	Field Officer of the Month
Valerie Buie	Correctional Commander	Madison	Security Employee of the Month
Linda Anderson	Correctional Services Aide I	Jackson	Extra Effort Award
Gene Gilley	Field Officer III	Booneville	Extra Effort Award
Scott Pannell	Field Officer I	Pontotoc	Extra Effort Award

Community Corrections Employees that received service awards are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Betsy Chandler	Correctional Commander	Vanceleave	5
Mary Hoyt	Correctional Field Officer III	Carrollton	5
Marvin Lawrence	Correctional Field Officer III	Kosciusko	5
John Nabors	Correctional Field Officer III	Vanceleave	5
John Simpson	Correctional Field Officer III	Belden	5
Marion Walley	Correctional Officer IV	Hattiesburg	5
Nickola Wright	Correctional Field Officer III	Tupelo	5
Arthur Young	Correctional Field Officer II	Yazoo City	5
Charles Avery	Correctional Field Officer III	Long Beach	15
Melvin Edwards	Correctional Field Officer III	Greenville	15
Thomas Williams	Correctional Officer IV	Greenville	15
Jack Cartwright	Correctional Officer IV	Rosedale	20
Andrew Durant	Correctional Officer IV	Greenwood	20
Kenneth Harrison	Correctional Commander	Hattiesburg	20
Readis Marshall	Correctional Field Officer II	Beulah	20
Gene Sias	Correctional Commander	Rosedale	20
David Winford	Correctional Officer IV	Greenville	20
Brenda Blanks	Community Corrections Director	Madison	25

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In addition, the award recipients from MDOC's Central Office include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Award</u>
Christopher Epps	Deputy Commissioner, Institutions	Brandon	Staff Employee of the Month
Claire Papizan	Communications Specialist	Brandon	Extra Effort Award
Ken Jones	Public Information Officer	Jackson	Extra Effort Award
Bobby Dukes	Account Auditing Technician	Jackson	Extra Effort Award

Central Office employees that received service awards are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Alus Amos	Administrative Assistant VII	Ridgeland	5
Tony Hewitt	Senior Systems Administrator	Jackson	5
Gwendolyn Love	Correctional Records Technician	Canton	5
Ruby McDaniel	Correctional Records Technician	Jackson	5

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins; the employee of the month recipients also received plaques, which are displayed at their work location. MDOC began the monthly awards program last year 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 more information on the award recipients, contact Claire Papizan at (601) 359-5689 or send an e-mail to cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us