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MDOC Arrests Correctional Officer for Illegal Drugs

Jackson—The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced the arrest of Correctional Officer Clyde Simmons for bringing contraband into the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss. Simmons has been placed on administrative leave without pay pending the final outcome of the case.

“I will not tolerate the intentional abuse and violation of correctional policy and procedure by any MDOC staff member,” said MDOC Commissioner Robert L. Johnson. “We will be aggressive in our investigations of staff who by their abuse potentially disrupts the integrity and safety of the correctional system and public safety.”

Correctional Officer Simmons, of Webb, Miss., was arrested June 28 during a scheduled search of third watch incoming officers at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. He was charged with introduction of contraband (marijuana) after investigators found approximately 3 ounces of the illegal drug hidden in a chef salad in Officer Simmons vehicle.

Simmons was taken to the Sunflower County Jail. Bail was set at \$10,000.

The investigation is continuing to determine if additional persons are involved. The arrest is a part of MDOC’s continuous effort to stop the introduction of illegal contraband & drugs being brought in to the prison system.

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