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## **South Miss. Correctional Institution Superintendent Retiring**

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Leakesville – South Miss. Correctional Institution (SMCI) Superintendent C. David Turner is retiring after 25 years with the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC). Turner, who lives in Lucedale, began his career with MDOC in 1977 as a case manager at the Pascagoula Restitution Center. Turner also worked in several different roles over the years including director of the George County Community Work Center, Superintendent of Support Services at SMCI, Associate Superintendent and Warden over the community work centers in the Southern region of the state.

Turner has worked at SMCI since it opened in 1989 and began his role as Superintendent in 1996. He has served in the capacity of Superintendent longer than any previous Superintendent at SMCI. Two of his most notable achievements include the opening of the Regimented Inmate Discipline (RID) program at SMCI and the institution's recent receipt of the American Correctional Association's (ACA) Certificate of Accreditation award. SMCI was the first state operated facility in the history of Mississippi's prison system to receive accreditation.

Turner was highly admired by his staff and coworkers at SMCI. "He is a superintendent that all of the SMCI staff and MDOC can be proud of," said Willa Box, who has worked with Turner for eight years. "He's a very dedicated and moral person who has always exhibited total professionalism, both on and off the job."

Turner will be honored at a retirement reception, Monday, Nov. 25, at 2:30 p.m. at SMCI. Coworkers, family and friends are invited to attend. The staff at SMCI will be presenting Turner with an engraved gold watch as a token of their appreciation for his hard work as Superintendent.

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