## MEMORANDUM

July 9, 2003

TO:	Shannon Estes, Hattiesburg American
FROM:	John Sewell, Deputy Communications Director Office of Governor Ronnie Musgrove
RE:	Request for statement

Shannon,

Here's a statement from Governor Musgrove in response to your request this morning:

"Innocent lives have been lost at the hands of a very disturbed individual. We have seen incidents such as this across America, and sadly, we are now faced with it here at home. Our Mississippi family will pull together to lift our state in prayer, to heal the wounds caused by this violence."