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## **MDOC agents honored for service with U.S. Marshal Service Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

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JACKSON – Three MDOC probation and parole agents, also members of the United States Marshal Service Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, were recognized Thursday for their service. They received commendation letters and Commissioner’s Coins from Commissioner Burl Cain.

Demoria Shannon from Region 1, Matthew Tullos from Region 2, and Jeffrey Brawner from Region 3 are part of a team of partners focused on removing violent offenders from Mississippi communities.

Task Force Deputy Commander Shane Theobald recently expressed his appreciation to the MDOC for their long-standing partnership, emphasizing the value of task force officers like Shannon, Tullos, and Brawner.

“The successes of the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force are directly related to our partnerships,” Theobald said. He noted that since the task force’s inception in 2006, it has collectively apprehended over 50,000 violent offenders, including nearly 5,000 murderers.

On behalf of Commissioner Cain and the MDOC, Nathan Blevins, deputy commissioner of Community Corrections, where Shannon, Tullos, and Brawner are assigned, thanked Theobald for recognizing the partnership and emphasized the MDOC’s shared commitment to addressing violent crime and safeguarding communities.

Blevins said the task force’s results “speak volumes about what we can achieve together.” He also praised Agents Shannon, Tullos, and Brawner for their service.

"Their commitment to service and the rule of law is indeed commendable, and it is a privilege to have them as part of our team," he said.

Shannon, who has the most task force experience with over five years of service, shared that serving warrants can range from straightforward to highly challenging.

“You can start early in the morning and be done before lunch, or you can start early in the morning and not be done until the next morning,” Shannon said.

Tullos and Brawner have been members since 2022.



*Pictured are from left to right, Agents Matthew Tullos, Jeffrey Brawner, and Demoria Shannon. The three officers were recognized Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, for their service with the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the United States Marshal Service Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force.*



*Pictured are from left to right, Agents Matthew Tullos, Jeffrey Brawner, and Demoria Shannon; Community Corrections Directors Terri Maranoci (Region 3), Jason Carney (Region 2), and Tony Harris (Region 1); Commissioner Burl Cain, and Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections Nathan Blevins.*



*Deputy Commissioner Nathan Blevins, right, congratulates Agent Jeffrey Brawner.*



*Agent Matthew Tullos receives a challenge coin from Commissioner Burl Cain and certificate from Deputy Commissioner Nathan Blevins.*



*Commissioner Burl Cain, center, and Deputy Commissioner Nathan Blevins, right, congratulate Agent Demoria Shannon.*