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Lockdown at SMCI and Unit 29 Extends through Weekend

JACKSON – The lockdown at South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Greene County and Unit 29 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman will remain for several more days.

Movement was limited at SMCI on Monday following the discovery of contraband in Area II. A search of the entire facility has been required because of the large amount of tobacco, illegal drugs and cell phones discovered.

Activity at Unit 29 has been restricted as a result of a homicide on Dec.18 and unrelated contraband confiscated later in the month.

MDOC has zero tolerance for the introduction of contraband into any of its facilities. Persons caught attempting to introduce contraband are arrested and referred for prosecution.

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