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MDOC Targets Wanted Offenders in Special Sweep

JACKSON – The Mississippi Department of Corrections is targeting offenders with outstanding warrants for various MDOC-related violations, including failure to report, fleeing supervision, or failure to pay supervision fees, in a special statewide roundup.

The sweep, which began this month, so far has netted 51 offenders.

The agency is being assisted by multiple law enforcement agencies as it goes after wanted probationers and parolees.

“This is a great example of teamwork to address a public safety issue,” Commissioner Marshall Fisher said. “These offenders have been released from prison to the community for supervision and have decided that they still don’t want to follow rules.”

Offenders arrested in the sweep likely will be returned to prison. They have been convicted of both violent and nonviolent offenses.

A high number of offenders on supervision make it difficult for agents to target wanted persons, Fisher said. “Being able to hire more probation and parole agents should be of some help,” he said.

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