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## Parchman Units Remain on Lockdown

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JACKSON – Visitation remains canceled for inmates at three units at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman until further notice.

Units 26, 29, except for Building J, and 30 are on lockdown because of multiple inmate-on-staff assaults and contraband finds this year. Of about 13 incidents so far this year involving 20 officers, 16 of the officers work at MSP. This week alone five MSP officers received nonlife-threatening injuries, with one treated at a local hospital.

Officers are continuing to find shanks of various sizes and contraband items, including cell phones, phone accessories, and alcohol. Also, \$600 cash was seized from one inmate during a search this week.

Commissioner Marshall Fisher said officer safety is a priority.

In addition to visitation, commissary and telephone privileges also are suspended in the affected areas.

Units 25, 31 and 42 are not included in the lockdown.

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