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STATE INMATES REMOVED FROM HINDS COUNTY JAIL

JACKSON – Hinds County is no longer participating in a program that allows it to house and work state inmates.

Fifty-seven offenders assigned to the Joint State County Work Program (JSCWP) were moved on Thursday, and most were placed at community work centers.

Attorney Ron Welch, who approves county facilities for the JSCWP, informed the Mississippi Department of Corrections this week that Hinds County had not renewed its participation. Also, the county said it did not object to the removal of the inmates.

Hinds County was one of 26 counties with an agreement with MDOC to house inmates at the counties' expense. The remaining counties are Alcorn, Bolivar, Carroll, Montgomery, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Grenada, Jefferson, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lincoln, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Panola, Pearl River, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Simpson, Stone, Tate, Union, Winston, and Tallahatchie.

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