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Visitation Suspended at 3 State Prisons

JACKSON – Visitation and other privileges at the three state prisons are suspended as the Mississippi Department of Corrections continues to search for three escapees and to investigate their escapes.

The Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) at Parchman, Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) in Pearl, and the South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) in Leakesville are on lockdown until further notice.

MSP Inmate Benny Ray Blansett, MDOC #07548, and CMCF Inmates Jonathan Blankenship, MDOC #115012, and Christopher Benson High, MDOC #139935, were discovered missing during early morning counts today. Blankenship and High are considered armed and dangerous.

If you see the men or know of their whereabouts, call the MDOC at 662-745-6611 or Crime Stoppers at 601-355-TIPS (8477). Anyone with information that leads to an arrest could be eligible for a reward. Tips can be received online through the Web Tip link on the home page of the Central MS Crime Stoppers or go to www.P3tips.com