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## **MDOC requests assistance from other agencies on inmate deaths**

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JACKSON – Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Pelicia E. Hall is requesting the assistance of two outside agencies in investigating inmate deaths this month.

“I have been communicating with the FBI and the Mississippi Department of Public Safety regarding our deaths,” Commissioner Hall said today. “While we believe that most of the reported deaths during the month of August are from illnesses or natural causes, such as cancer and heart disease, based on available information, we are seeking assistance from others outside the department in the interest of transparency. My administration is committed to ensuring that all individuals in the department’s care receive appropriate medical care.”