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SMCI prison hosts basketball tournament for inmates

LEAKESVILLE – South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) is hosting basketball tournaments to promote teamwork and healthy competition.

These high-energy matchups at the Greene County prison unite teams from the three distinct areas of the facility, allowing the incarcerated population to engage in structured, positive activities. They mean more than just points on a scoreboard; they move participants forward in rehabilitation, give them purpose, and offer a "second chance" to excel within a structured environment.

Building a Better Prison through "Good Playing"

This initiative directly reflects MDOC Commissioner Burl Cain's "Pillars of a Good Prison" philosophy, which includes "Good Playing." Such sporting events emphasize:

Positive Engagement: Organized sports provide a meaningful outlet for energy, reducing idleness and tension within the facility.

Skill Development: Basketball builds physical health and teaches critical life skills, such as discipline, conflict resolution, and teamwork.

Moral Alignment: By competing fairly, individuals practice the cooperation and sportsmanship needed for successful reentry into society.



