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Victims Rights Awareness Week: Training session

JACKSON – During brief remarks at a training session to enhance awareness and promote public safety for crime victims, Commissioner Cain emphasized the importance of recognizing crime victims and encouraging dialogue between victims and inmates in appropriate settings.

He recounted organizing a meeting between an inmate and the victim’s parents during his tenure at Angola State Prison in Louisiana. The inmate, vowing that he had changed since being incarcerated, agreed to attend, while corrections officials were unsure how the parents would respond. “We were taking a risk that they wouldn't jump up and choke him,” Commissioner Cain said.

Despite a tense start as the parents confronted the inmate, the meeting ended in tears, with the parents accepting the inmate’s plea for forgiveness, the Commissioner recalled. He told those in the audience of law enforcement, advocates, and service providers, “It’s very important what we all do.”

The MDOC's Division of Victim Services and SAVIN, in partnership with the Equifax Training Team, hosted the training at the Mississippi Department of Education Auditorium in Jackson.



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