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Commissioner Cain appears on SuperTalk radio

JACKSON – MDOC Commissioner Burl Cain touched on a variety of topics related to prison operations during an appearance on SuperTalk Thursday morning.

He talked about the use of inmate preachers, the reputation of Mississippi's prison system nationally versus within the state, the problems with cellphones, using drones, cameras, and dogs to prevent contraband, and hiring correctional officers, among other things. Joining him in the studio were Deputy Commissioner John Hunt, who manages institutions, and Public Information Officer Kate Head.

A sample of some of the things Commissioner Cain said:

"Moral people don't steal your lawnmower."

"They (Inmate teachers) are peacemakers in the prisons. They don't have any authority to boss anybody around. They do what preachers do."

"You can't be a prophet at home," he said in describing how other states look favorably upon Mississippi prisons, vs. how the prisons are viewed inside the state.

"Phones are our worst enemy," he said about cellphones.

"We are safe in our prisons as much as we can be."

