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### Update on Inmate Killed at Parchman

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**JACKSON, MS** (Sep 8) – Mississippi Department of Corrections has identified the victim killed at Parchman Prison early Thursday morning as 23-year-old Raymond Coffey of Lafayette County. MDOC initially withheld Coffey’s identity out of respect for the family and to ensure next of kin was notified.

“Based on the information we have thus far, the killing appears to be gang related,” said Commissioner Burl Cain. “We’ve been working diligently over the last three years to eradicate gangs from our prisons. We are making significant progress as we have reduced gang membership by hundreds and their numbers continue to dwindle. MDOC will continue to use every available tool at our disposal to clamp down on illicit and gang activity inside of Mississippi’s prisons.”

Coffey had been incarcerated twice over four years on felony burglary charges.

MDOC Corrections Investigative Division Director, Steven Chambers, a former FBI investigator for 20 years is conducting an investigation. At the conclusion of MDOC’s investigation, CID investigators will turn their evidence over to the Sunflower County District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The assailants and others involved in the incident are in lockdown and under investigation.

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