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MDOC Supports Cellphone Jamming to Stop Criminal Activity in Prisons

JACKSON – Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Burl Cain strongly supports the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allowing state and local correctional facilities to use cellphone jamming technology to combat contraband phones.

“We are 1000% for it. These cellphones are used to arrange escapes, bring drugs into our facilities, and coordinate violence that destabilizes our prisons,” Cain said. “We need the ability to stop these illegal communications. Giving us this tool would help protect our officers, our inmates, and the public.”

The FCC is scheduled to vote November 19 on rules that would allow, but not require, state and local prisons and jails to use cellphone jamming technology.

MDOC encourages anyone with information about an inmate possessing a cellphone or other contraband to report it by visiting our website at www.mdoc.ms.gov and selecting “Report Contraband,” or by clicking the link below:

<https://ms.accessgov.com/mdoc/Forms/Page/mdoc/report-contraband/1>.

Contraband cellphones and accessories recovered from MDOC facilities.

