



## **Media Statement**

### **MS Department of Public Safety Division of Public Affairs**

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The Mississippi Department of Public Safety (MDPS) is pleased to announce that it has advertised the full-time position of state medical examiner and the position is currently on recruitment. The position can be viewed on the websites of the National Association of Medical Examiners and the American Academy of Forensic Science.

The MDPS has also entered into contract with Forensic Medical, Inc., of Nashville, Tennessee to perform autopsy and forensic pathology services while the search for a permanent medical examiner is ongoing. The pathologists will be based in the Medical Examiner's offices at the crime lab in Jackson. Dr. Paul McGary will continue to provide pathology services in the Gulf Coast area.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is expected to partner with the medical examiner which will provide additional funding, training and facilities for the pathologist. The MDPS hopes to hire associate pathologists as well to fully staff the medical examiner's office.

Recent appropriations by the legislature have enabled MDPS to offer competitive salaries to qualified applicants.

"We are encouraged that the legislature's increase in funding for the medical examiner's position will result in a renewed interest in the position," said Commissioner Stephen B. Simpson. "As an agency dedicated to service, we will continuously strive to provide the best and most efficient forensic pathology services to the citizens of the state of Mississippi."

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