	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	POLICY NUMBER 31-02
		AGENCY WIDE
OFFENDER TELEPHONE PRIVILEGES		INITIAL DATE 12-01-82
ACA STANDARDS: 2-CO-5D-01, 4-4497, 4-ACRS-5A-19		EFFECTIVE DATE 02-15-2008
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1 **POLICY:**

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3 It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) to provide eligible offenders
4 with reasonable access to designated, monitored, public telephones.

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6 **DEFINITIONS:**

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8 (NONE)

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10 **PRECEPTS:**

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12 *Administration of Correctional Agencies (Central Office):* There is an agency policy
13 concerning mail, telephone, and visiting services for inmates/juveniles/residents. At a
14 minimum, this policy includes instructions concerning mail inspection, public phone
15 use, and visiting practices [2-CO-5D-01].

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17 *Adult Correctional Institutions:* **Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for the**
18 **inmate access to public telephones. Inmates who wish to communicate with parties,**
19 **who have such disabilities, are afforded access to a Telecommunications Device for the**
20 **Deaf (TDD), or comparable equipment. Public telephones with volume control are also**
21 **made available to inmates with hearing impairment [4-4497].**

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23 Eligible offenders will be provided access to public telephones in accordance with designated
24 schedules unless legitimate security interests preempt offender usage as per considerations of
25 public safety and/or proper facility operations.


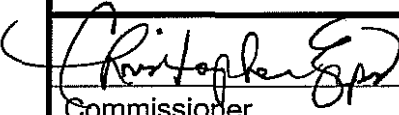
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27 The Controlling Authority of each MDOC facility or designee will ensure:

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29 • The prevention of offender telephone misuse
30 • Offender access to public telephones
31 • The monitoring of offender telephones
32 • Telephone call privileges with their legal representative(s)
33 • Signed acknowledgement from offenders that all calls may be monitored
34 • Mandated justification and documentation when restrictions are imposed or exceed those as
35 stated herein

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37 **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:**

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39 As required by this policy and through the chain of command.

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	
All standard operating procedures (sop) and/or other directive documents related to the implementation and enforcement of this procedure will bear the signature of and be issued under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner of Institutions or the Deputy Commissioner of Community Corrections.	
Reviewed and Approved for Issuance	 2-8-08 General Counsel Date
	 02/13/08 Commissioner Date