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**McComb Resident Pleads Guilty to Abuse of a Vulnerable Person**

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Jackson, MS—A McComb resident is going to prison for abuse of a vulnerable person, announced Attorney General Jim Hood today.

Bryan Harris, 23, of McComb, appeared before Judge Michael Taylor in Lincoln County Circuit Court Monday and entered his guilty plea. Harris was sentenced to three years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections with one year and 364 days suspended and one year and one day to serve followed by one year and 364 days of supervised probation. Harris was ordered to pay a \$250 fine, \$250 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and \$250 to cover costs of investigation.

Harris was employed on the staff of the Mississippi Adolescence Center in Brookhaven when the crime occurred. The Attorney General's investigation revealed that Harris struck the victim-age 16 and a resident of the facility- with a shoe, causing injury.

"This case should not deflect from the many caregivers across our state who are doing right by their patients," said Attorney General Hood. "It should serve as a reminder that the calling is one with standards of decency and self-control."

The case was handled by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

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