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Supporting President Trump's A Home for Every Child Campaign

Today, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office joined President Trump's A Home for Every Child campaign, launched by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF), by signing the first Attorney General proclamation supporting the initiative.

I am grateful for President Trump's leadership to ensure that children in foster care and the foster families who care for them are supported. The pathway to a stable, loving, forever home is a legal process, and as Attorney General, I am proud of the part our team of dedicated attorneys and paralegals plays in achieving the goals of A Home for Every Child. With stronger coordination and a focus on outcomes for children, we can make real, lasting improvements to Mississippi's foster care system and give every child the stability and support they deserve.

The proclamation can be found [here](#).



Keeping Our Communities Safe

Yesterday, our office announced the completion of a recent joint operation in Lee and Prentiss Counties, a partnership between my office, the North Mississippi Narcotics Task Force, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The operation netted two felonies, six misdemeanors, and six ICE detainers. My office was the first agency in the State to complete enforcement action under the ICE 287(g) Task Force program.

We are proud to participate in the 287(g) program to make Mississippi safer than ever before. Our office is grateful to work alongside such dedicated and skilled federal, state, and local law enforcement partners. Together, we are taking dangerous criminals off the streets and restoring peace and security in our communities.



Stemming the Flow of Fentanyl

This week, our office announced that after months of pressure from a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general app WeChat has agreed to specific, enforceable commitments to help American law enforcement disrupt fentanyl-related money laundering on its platform.

WeChat became a haven for bad actors to traffic drugs and launder money behind a screen. Thanks to pressure from our bipartisan group, WeChat is working with law enforcement to end these criminal operations on their platform and coming to the table in order to protect American users and their privacy. You can read the AGs' letter [here](#).



Putting Predators Behind Bars

Recently, our office announced the sentencing of [Steven Dessino](#) for the distribution of child sexual abuse material. This case was investigated by my office, with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Biloxi Police Department. Dessino was sentenced to serve 12 years and 7 months in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, with 20 months of post-release supervision. He was also ordered to pay \$37,000 in restitution and will have to register as a sex offender upon release.

Additionally, the Attorney General's Office announced the sentencing of [Terrance Allan Green](#) for possession of child sexual abuse material. This case was also investigated by my office, with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Biloxi Police Department. Green was sentenced to serve 10 years in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, with lifetime supervised release. He was ordered to pay \$15,000 in restitution and \$3,000 in fees. Both of these sentences resulted from the same 2025 undercover operation initiated by our office.



Protecting Mississippians from Theft

Earlier this month, [Byron Gage Tatum and Chesney Lynn Stanley](#) were sentenced for grand larceny. The pair stole nearly \$20,000 in funds from an elderly victim. Tatum and Stanley were sentenced to each serve 10 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, with one year to serve, five years of supervised release, and four years of unsupervised probation. They were ordered to pay \$18,570.40 in restitution and \$500 to the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. This case was investigated and prosecuted by my office.



May God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Fitch".

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