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PRESS RELEASE

Two Hinds County Jail Inmates Sentenced for Stabbing Fellow Inmate

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(JACKSON, MISS.) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith today announced guilty pleas in a non-fatal stabbing that occurred last year at the Raymond Detention Center (RDC).

Jackson residents John Earl Rogers and Johnny Lee Smith today pled guilty to the Aggravated Assault of Senard Kelly, a fellow inmate. Rogers and Smith admitted stabbing Kelly, also from Jackson, on February 27, 2012, while all were housed at RDC.

Hinds County Circuit Judge William Gowan sentenced the pair to ten years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. They'll serve five years of this sentence in prison, with five years suspended and three years Post-Release Supervision.

Johnny Lee Smith still faces a charge of Felony Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer stemming from a separate incident in which he fractured the nose of a RDC detention officer.

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