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DPSCS to Test Cell Phone Detection Technology Thursday, September 3, 2009

TOWSON, MD (September 1, 2009)---The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) will be testing cell phone detection technology from six vendors on Thursday, September 3. The tests will occur all day inside the closed Maryland House of Correction, on House of Correction/David McGuinn Road just off Md. Route 175 in Jessup.

Video availability and media access to the demonstration areas and the detection technology being tested will be from 7:45am until 8:45am although no testing will be happening during this time. Secretary Maynard and DPSCS security staff will be available to the media between 9:00am and 10:00am. There will be limited opportunities for interviews throughout the day as well. The demonstrations will be happening all day until 4:00pm. Because the technology is specific to each company, DPSCS will not arrange specific product demonstrations to the media. However, members of the media desiring a closer look at the technology during the demonstrations may contact each one of the vendors directly. Their contact information is as follows:

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DPSCS has been among the leaders of cell phone interdiction efforts nationwide. Secretary Gary D. Maynard has testified before Congress in support of using cell phone jamming technology inside prisons. **The technology being demonstrated on Thursday does not involve cell signal jamming.** While jamming is still not an option for correctional systems, DPSCS is exploring every possible technological tool available to combat this growing problem in America's prisons.

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