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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS  
Secretary Gary Westcott

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### THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS PROCEDURES FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUEST TO BE A WITNESS TO EXECUTION

BATON ROUGE, La. - The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) – Jessie Hoffman, Jr. was convicted of First Degree Murder on June 25, 1998 in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court of St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana. On September 11, 1998, in accordance with the recommendation of the jury, the court sentenced Jessie Hoffman, Jr. to death. On February 12, 2025, the St. Tammany Parish Judicial District Court signed an execution warrant setting the execution of Jessie Hoffman, Jr. for March 18, 2025. In accordance with Louisiana law, the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections is required to carry out the imposed death sentence between the hours of 6pm - 9pm CST at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, in Angola, Louisiana.

The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall select two (2) members of the news media to witness the execution from the following categories: (1) a representative selected from the media persons requesting to be a witness from the parish where the crime was committed, and (2) a representative selected from all other media persons requesting to be a witness.

Selected media witnesses must agree to act as pool reporters and meet with all present media representatives immediately following the execution.

Media representatives shall have three days to submit a written request to serve as a witness to the execution by sending an email to [DOCcommunications@la.gov](mailto:DOCcommunications@la.gov). The deadline to make this request is 10:00am CST on March 6, 2025. The request must include the full name of the potential witness, their contact information, and the media outlet they represent. Please include in the email subject line "execution witness request". Upon review of the request, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may request and require additional information. Additional instructions, information, and a required written agreement will be provided to the witnesses selected by the Secretary.

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