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## Sample Joins Mississippi Insurance Department As Investigator

JACKSON – Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney formally announced today that Octavius Sample has joined the Mississippi Insurance Department (MID) as an investigator. Sample is a 10-year veteran of the Clinton Police Department and a graduate of Belhaven College with a degree in Business Administration.

The Investigative Division reports directly to the Legal Division and is responsible for reviewing alleged improper activities of agents and/or companies. The Division collects, coordinates and presents evidence to the legal staff for use in civil enforcement actions. The Division consults with staff attorneys and Special Assistant Attorneys General assigned to the Department to develop rules, regulations and guidelines to protect the consumer.

"We're very fortunate to have Octavius Sample join our department," Commissioner Mike Chaney said. "He is a veteran law enforcement officer and exemplifies what we look for in an employee of the Mississippi Insurance Department. It's important that we have sharp, young people interested in a career in public service."

Sample will work with John Hornback, head of the Investigative Division.

"As Chief Investigator for the MID, I have been very pleased with the professional manner Mr. Sample has displayed in handling his day-to-day duties as an Investigator for this Department. I look forward to working with him in an effort to protect insurance consumers in this State. I commend Commissioner Chaney for honoring his promise to expand the Investigative Division," said Hornback.

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