



—DEPARTMENT OF—  
**REVENUE**  
—STATE OF MISSISSIPPI—

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Rankin County, Miss. – On March 29, 2017, Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents executed a search warrant at the residence of Henry Earl Sample, age 73, of 197 Henry Sample Road, in Rankin County.

During the search, agents discovered an illegal distillery (still) located in a shed behind the suspects residence. Agents located and seized the following items:

- approximately 43 gallons moonshine;
- 5 barrel illicit distillery consisting of 250 gallons corn mash;
- an 110 gallon cooker;
- 2 copper condensers;
- raw materials consisting of corn and sugar;
- stolen handgun.

Mr. Sample was charged with a misdemeanor charge of possession of alcoholic beverages in a dry county. He was also charged with a felony for manufacturing or distilling alcohol and the unlawful possession of a still.

On March 30, 2017, a felony affidavit was filed and Mr. Sample was booked at Rankin County Jail on a felony charge. The Judge placed his bond at \$3000.00.

An investigation is continuing for the stolen handgun that was recovered. There has been no charge made.