



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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*****PRESS RELEASE*****
For Immediate Release

On Monday, March 21, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson released information regarding the arrests of 20 year old Adam Lee Kennedy who resides at 13120 Three Rivers Rd. Gulfport, MS. and 20 year old Jonathan Hunter Wesley who resides at 12400 School Rd. Saucier, MS. charging them both with Home Invasion (Burglary), Aggravated Assault and Felony Animal Cruelty. The Sheriff's Department has active arrest warrants and is currently searching for a third suspect, 18 year old Harley Beech who resides at 24406 Linda Lane Gulfport, MS for the same charges.

Sheriff Peterson stated that the arrests of these subjects were the result of a home invasion 911 call that came from a resident in the 18000 block of Pine Forrest Road, Gulfport, MS at approximately 6:54 AM. The female victim stated that she was conducting chores around her home when she confronted two male suspects inside her house. The victim stated that the suspects fled from the residence at which time the victim's dog gave chase behind the suspects. The victim stated as the suspects were fleeing, they started shooting towards the dog and the victim, striking the dog three times. The suspects fled into the wooded area near the residence as Patrol Deputies arrived and set up a perimeter. With the use of the Harrison County Sheriff's Helicopter and citizen sightings, Kennedy was apprehended by deputies near the intersection of Canal Road and Robinson Road, Gulfport. Wesley was apprehended nearby after a Sheriff's K-9 located him in a tree line. Deputies were able to recover one handgun which returned as stolen through the Ocean Springs Police Department. During the investigation, it was learned that a third suspect was involved, Harley Beech and is currently being tracked by Deputies and a Sheriff's K-9. Wesley was taken to an area hospital and treated for a K-9 apprehension bite. Both Wesley and Kennedy were later booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility. The victim transported her dog to a local veterinary hospital to be treated for the gunshot wounds. Members of the Gulfport Police Department and the Pass Christian Police Department assisted in the manhunt and arrests of these suspects.

Sheriff Peterson stated that Adam Lee Kennedy and Jonathan Hunter Wesley were booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and each held in lieu of a \$100,000.00 bond set by Judge Diane Ladner. Kennedy is further held with no bond, off bonded for a pending charge of drive-by shooting.

Investigative Officer: _____

Arresting Officer(s): _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi