



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 48 year old Ernie Lizana who resides at 1934 42nd Avenue in Gulfport, MS on a felony charge of Kidnapping.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, a victim stated that her ex boyfriend, Lizana came to her residence and assaulted her while she was taking out the trash. Victim stated that Lizana forcibly put her in his vehicle and drove around with her. Victim stated that she convinced Lizana to drive back to a relative's house where she escaped. Investigators obtained a warrant for Lizana and listed him as a fugitive.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at approximately 4:00a.m. Gulfport Police Department located Lizana and apprehended him with the use of their K-9 after Lizana resisted arrest. Lizana was arrested on the warrant and transported to Gulfport Memorial Hospital for his injuries due to a K-9 bite. Lizana was released to Harrison County Sheriff's Department Deputies.

Lizana was booked in the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with one count of kidnapping. Lizana is being held in lieu of a \$100,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray. Lizana is further held in lieu of a no bond warrant through Mississippi Department of Corrections for a probation violation.

Investigative Officer: Investigator Caleb Mitchell _____

Arresting Officer(s): Investigator Caleb Mitchell _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi