



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHERIFF

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

On Wednesday, April 27, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 33 year old Randall Shelton Pope, who resides at 23501 Bells Ferry Road, Pass Christian, MS, on a felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to distribute, Methamphetamine and Misdemeanor controlled substance charges. Also arrested was a 41 year old Jack Phillip Stratz, who resides at 4816 30 1/2 Street, Gulfport, MS for a Fugitive warrant through the Mississippi Department of Corrections for Probation Violation original charge of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon..

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Investigators with the Harrison County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit assisted by Agents with the Coastal Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) executed a Search Warrant at 4816 30 1/2 Street, Gulfport, MS. Upon arrival Investigators located Stratz inside the residence. Investigators learned that Stratz was wanted through the Mississippi Department of Corrections for Probation Violation. Investigators also located Randall Shelton Pope inside the residence. Pope was in possession of Methamphetamine packaged for distribution in his pocket. Pope was also found to be in possession of digital scales as well as schedule IV narcotics (Alprazolam). Both Pope and Stratz were arrested and transported to the Harrison County Sheriff's Department Adult Detention Facility.

Randall S. Pope was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to distribute, Methamphetamine, and Misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance. Pope is being held in lieu of a 10,500 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Albert Fountain. Stratz was held with no bond pending a probation revocation hearing through Circuit Court.

The above search warrant was conducted in cooperation with the Gulfport Police Department in reference to their Crime Initiative.

Investigative Officer: Captain Ryan Hearn

Arresting Officer(s): Inv. Claude J. Serpas

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi