



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Thursday, June 2, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 30 year old Kenneth Wayne Beech Jr. who resides at 9200 Cleo Smith Road Pass Christian, MS, on seven felony counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Department Deputies were assisting the Hancock County Sheriff's Department with serving a warrant on Kenneth Wayne Beech Jr. in the 11000 block of Edwin Ladner Road in Pass Christian, MS. Upon arrival, Sheriff's Deputies were fired upon by Beech. Beech fled into the wooded area behind the residences where he continued to shoot at pursuing Deputies. Beech was eventually captured by a Sheriff's K9. Beech was transported to Memorial Hospital and treated for a K-9 bite. Beech was then released to the Deputies and transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility.

Kenneth Wayne Beech Jr. was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with seven counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer. Beech is being held in lieu of a \$350,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray. Beech was also being held on a no bond for felony warrants out of Hancock County Sheriff's Department and Mississippi Department of Corrections..

Investigative Officer: Deputy Russell Holliman _____

Arresting Officer(s): Investigator John Putnam _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi