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

On June 3, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 44 year old Ronald Earl Johnson, who resides at 11259 Grace Road, Pass Christian, MS on a felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to Distribute, Cocaine and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit Investigators conducted a traffic stop on a white, 2000 Toyota being driven by Johnson, the lone occupant. Investigators located approximately an ounce of Cocaine Base "Crack" on Johnson's person. A search warrant was issued for Johnson's residence at 11259 Grace Road, Pass Christian, MS, there Investigators located a small amount of Cocaine HCL "Powder" and .22 caliber handgun. Johnson had previously been convicted twice in Harrison County for Controlled Substance violations.

Johnson was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Possession of a controlled with intent to Distribute, Cocaine and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Johnson is being held in lieu of a \$50,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Captain Ryan Hearn

Arresting Officer(s): Investigator Justin Ladner

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi