



# HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Friday, May 20, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 51 year old Kenneth West who resides at 5353 Courtenay Avenue, Pass Christian, MS. West has been charged with one count of molestation of a child, one count of rape and two counts of sexual assault.

On Thursday, May 05, 2016, Investigators with the Harrison County Sheriff Department were contacted by family members of the victim and Police authorities from another state. According to both, it was determined that West had inappropriate sexual contact with a juvenile while living with him in 2014. In the furtherance of the investigation, Harrison County Sheriff's Department Investigators learned that West also had inappropriate sexual contact with another juvenile during the same time in Harrison County.

Kenneth West was charged with one count of molestation of a child, one count of rape and two counts of sexual assault. West was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and held in lieu of a \$500,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray.

Investigative Officer: Investigator John Putnam \_\_\_\_\_

Arresting Officer(s): Investigator John Putnam \_\_\_\_\_

Approved For Release: \_\_\_\_\_

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi