



**HARRISON COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** *SHERIFF*

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

On June 23, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 42 year old Maurice Lamar Payne of Baton Rouge, Louisiana on a felony charge of two counts Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to distribute, Marijuana.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Office Interdiction Deputies assisted by Narcotics Unit Investigators conducted a traffic stop on a 2009 Lincoln MKS driven by Maurice Payne on Interstate 10, mile marker 22 eastbound, Pass Christian, MS. A Search of the vehicle yielded approximately two pounds of Marijuana. After Paynes' arrest for the aforementioned Marijuana Investigators executed a search warrant at a storage locker in the city of Gulfport, which belonged to Payne. Investigators located another twenty three pounds of Marijuana in the storage shed. Investigators also seized more than \$6,000.00 in U.S. Currency from Payne.

Payne was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with two counts of Possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, Marijuana. Payne is being held in lieu of a \$75,000 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Diane Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Captain Ryan Hearn

Arresting Officer(s): Lieutenant Brandon Hendry

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

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi

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