



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the ongoing Grand Jury phone scam

According to Sheriff Peterson several people have been receiving phone calls advising they have warrants for their arrest because of missing Grand Jury. The suspects in the phone scam tell the victims to go to a local grocery store and obtain an electronic voucher for a certain amount of money. After the victims obtain the voucher they are advised to call the suspects back with the voucher numbers.

Peterson advised that his Investigators have discovered that the phone calls are originating from inmates that are incarcerated in a Georgia State Correctional Facility. Peterson stated that investigators have contacted the authorities with the Georgia Department of Corrections and have advised them of this inmate scam. Peterson urges that if you receive one of these phone call contact the Harrison County Criminal Investigation Division at 228-896-0678

Investigative Officer: Lieutenant Coley Judy _____

Arresting Officer(s): _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi

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