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For Immediate Release

On Monday, September 5, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 25 year old Diamonte Deron Scott, on a charge of Fugitive on a felony warrant for Murder out of Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, On September 4, 2016, a Harrison County Sheriff's Narcotics Investigator received information that a homicide suspect, identified as Diamonte Deron Scott, was wanted through the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office for murder and attempted murder and had possibly absconded to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, more specifically to the City of Gulfport. Investigators placed Scott in the area of Highway 49 in Gulfport, Mississippi. After several hours of searching, Investigators located a black Ford Focus bearing the Mississippi License plate believed to be the vehicle Scott was traveling in east on Highway 90 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Investigators identified Scott as being in the vehicle and summoned for assistance from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Gautier Police Department to assist in a traffic stop of the vehicle. Subsequently, the vehicle began travelling east on Interstate 10 before exiting south onto Exit 61, Gautier Vancleave Road, where officers initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle then continued south for approximately an eighth of mile failing to acknowledge officers before coming to a stop. Officers then approached the vehicle that smelled heavily of burnt marijuana, and secured the three occupants of the vehicle. Diamonte Deron Scott was the front seat passenger and Criminal records checks were conducted on all individuals that confirmed Scott was entered on NCIC as a fugitive from justice through the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office for Murder and Attempted Murder. Scott was taken into custody.

A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded a Davis Industries double barrel pistol from within the glove box. Scott was then transported to and booked into the Harrison County Jail where he was held without a bond pending extradition to Lauderdale County.

Diamonte Deron Scott was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Fugitive from Justice reference the above listed warrants for Murder and attempted Murder through Lauderdale County. Scott is being held with no bond pending extradition to Lauderdale County.

Investigative Officer: Captain Ryan Hearn

Arresting Officer(s): Investigator Rob Drace

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi