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

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 46 year old Howard Jones who resides at 13316 Greenhill Circle, Biloxi, MS 39532 on a felony charge of Sexual Battery and Molesting.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, the case stemmed from a report filed by a biological parent of the juvenile victims, 17 year old female and 15 year old female, through Pass Christian Police Dept. Jones allegedly sexually assaulted both females when they were 8 and 6 years in the county of Harrison.

Howard Jones was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with one count of Sexual Battery and one count of Molesting. Jones is being held in lieu of a \$300,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Inv Alicia Handler	
Arresting Officer(s): <u>Inv Alicia Handler</u>	
Approved For Release:	

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi

