



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

For Immediate Release

On April 21, 2017, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 39 year old Gabriel Benjamin Curtis who resides in the 17000 Block of Pine Bark Lane in Saucier, MS, on a felony charge of Murder.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department received a call from a resident of Florida, in reference to a welfare concern in the 17000 block of Pine Bark Lane in Saucier, MS. The caller advised that he had spoken to Gabriel Curtis via Facebook video chat and during their conversation, Curtis disclosed that he had killed his roommate. Deputies responded to the address and discovered what appeared to be a violent crime scene.

Sheriff Peterson advised that Investigators were notified and responded to the scene. While conducting a search warrant of the residence, Gabriel Curtis arrived at the residence. Curtis was detained and transported to the Harrison County Sheriff's Department. While being interviewed, Curtis admitted to shooting and killing his roommate and disposing of the body. Curtis was unable to verbally provide the location of the body; however, he advised that he could take investigators to the body's location. Harrison County Investigators and Coroner Gary Hargrove were led by Curtis to a wooded area off of exit 75 in Jackson County MS. Harrison County Investigators along with the assistance of Jackson County Sheriff's Department were able to locate the victim's remains. The victim's identity has not been released pending the notification of the next of kin.

Gabriel Curtis was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with murder. Curtis is being held in lieu of a One million dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray.

Investigative Officer: Caleb Mitchell _____

Arresting Officer(s): Inv. Caleb Mitchell _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi