



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Friday, August 11, 2017, at approximately 1152 hours, a Harrison County Inmate, Jared Anthony Epperson was found hanging in his cell by Correctional Officers.

According to Deputy's reports, during and after lunch was distributed to inmates, Epperson was served lunch in his cell, alone. Deputies completed lunch distribution with the remaining section and approximately 30 minutes later found Epperson hanging inside his cell by using his bed sheets.

Correctional Officers on scene conducted CPR on Epperson and regained a pulse. Epperson was transported to Garden Park Medical Center via AMR and was subsequently pronounced deceased at approximately 12:45 hours by medical personnel.

Epperson was booked into the Harrison County ADC on 07-27-2017, for Probation Violation and Sentenced to serve 5 years with the Ms. Department of Corrections.

Original charges;

- *Harrison Co. 07/07/2009, 97-5-23, touching of a child or a mentally defective, incapacitated or physically helpless person for lustful purposes.*
- *Harrison Co. 07/07/2009, 97-3-95, Sexual Battery.*
- *LaFayette, LA, 06/30/2008, Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile.*

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi