



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Friday, January 19, 2018, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 26 year old Elijah Dunomes who resides at 1912 Henderson Avenue in Gulfport, MS and 22 year old Shaw Gilbert who resides at 11493 Acorn Drive in Gulfport on felony charges of Burglary, Arson and Felony Evasion.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Department received a call from a citizen that Juan Tequilas Restaurant located at 18369 Hwy 49 in Saucier, was on fire and that he was following the suspect vehicle southbound on Hwy 49 after witnessing two males running from the business and getting into that vehicle. Harrison County Deputies attempted to stop the suspect vehicle at Hwy 49 and Orange Grove Road in Gulfport, MS. The vehicle failed to stop and fled at a high rate of speed for several miles until eventually it came to a stop on the on ramp to I-10 at Canal Road. The occupants were taken into custody and identified as Elijah Dunomes and Shaw Gilbert. Harrison County Investigators determined that Dunomes and Gilbert had burglarized the business and during the burglary had set the business on fire. Harrison County Fire Service had responded quickly to the scene and extinguished the fire resulting in minimal damage to the inside of the business .

Dunomes was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Burglary, Arson and Felony Evasion. Dunomes is being held in lieu of a \$150,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner. Gilbert was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Burglary and Arson. Gilbert is being held in lieu of a \$100,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner .

Investigative Officer: Investigator William Wescovich _____

Arresting Officer(s): Deputy Jerry Thomley _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi