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

For Immediate Release

On Thursday, December 28, 2017, at approximately 1800 hours, an incident reference a shooting involving a cross bow occurred at 18233 Robinson Road in Gulfport, MS

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 18233 Robinson Road in Gulfport, MS on a report of a medical emergency. Upon arrival, Deputies discovered 9yo Ashley Reynolds Patton had a blunt injury to the back of her head and was incoherent, in and out of consciousness. Patton was transported to Garden Park Medical Center by AMR and stabilized, further transported to USA Medical Center, Mobile, Alabama, listed in critical condition.

Upon further investigation, Investigators determined through interviews that Patton was shot with an arrow in the back of her head by a 16 year old male juvenile family member while at the residence.

Sheriff Troy Peterson stated the 16 year old male juvenile suspect was released to his guardian pending a Grand Jury review of the incident. The Harrison County District Attorney's Office is assisting in the investigation.

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi