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On Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced that the Harrison County Sheriff's Office responded to the 18780 Reese Drive, Saucier, MS in reference to a shooting.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, the shooting happened around 7:00 am on this date and Once deputies arrived on scene, it was determined that the parties involved were brothers, ages eight (8) and six (6) years old. Deputies discovered that the six year old found a gun, located in a dresser in the home, and began to play with it. The six year old went to hand the gun to his brother and the gun went off. The six year old was air lifted to USA Medical Center in Mobile, AL with non life threatening injuries. The children's legal guardian is their grandmother; whom was home at the time, but in a different room. There are no charges being filed at this time. The Mississippi Department of Human Services was also contacted and will be conducting an independent investigation.

Investigative Officer: Neal Allen, HCSD #41

Arresting Officer(s): Neal Allen, HCSD #41

Approved For Release:

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi