



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Thursday, July 12, 2018, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 40 year old Arland Omar Morris who resides at 285 Hickory Rd. Biloxi, MS 39530 on a felony charge of Touching of a Child for Lustful Purposes (2 counts).

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Morris was initially charged for Sexual Battery of a child. Morris was indicted on that charge and two additional charges of touching of a Child for Lustful Purposes was added to the indictment by the Grand Jury. The original case was filed by the mother of the juvenile victim, who alleged Morris had sexually assaulted her while her mother was away from the residence. Morris was the boyfriend of the juvenile victim's mother and stayed overnight at the residence on several occasions. Warrant where issued for Morris and he was located and arrested on the warrant by the US Marshall's Task Force at the Palace Casino in Biloxi, MS.

Arland Morris was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with two counts of touching of a Child for Lustful Purposes. Morris is being held under a no bond set by Circuit Court Judge Roger Clark

Investigative Officer: Inv Alicia Handler

Arresting Officer(s): Inv James Merritt

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi