



**HARRISON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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

On Tuesday July 17, 2018, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 30 year old Maxwell Isley Phillips who resides at 9145 Hwy 49 Room 313 in Gulfport, MS on a felony charge of Human Trafficking.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department Criminal Investigations and Homeland Security Investigators conducted a search warrant at the In Town Suites Room 313 located at 9145 Hwy 49 in Gulfport, MS in reference to a Human Trafficking investigation. Upon execution of the warrant Maxwell Isley Phillips was taken into custody. A seventeen year old female victim was located in the room and remains in the custody of Homeland Security.

Maxwell Isley Phillips was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Human Trafficking. Phillips is being held in lieu of a \$250,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner.

Investigative Officer: _____

Arresting Officer(s): _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi