



HARRISON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

For Immediate Release

On Tuesday, October 31, 2018, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 37 year old Matthew Bechtel who resides at 697 City Bridge Rd. Perkinston, MS and 32 year old Robert Wedgeworth Jr. who resides at 26 Pass Rd. Apt 20H, Gulfport, MS on a felony charge of Burglary of a Dwelling.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, on October 30, 2018 Bechtel and Wedgeworth were apprehended by the home owner, upon arriving at his residence. The home owner, an off duty law enforcement officer, held the suspects until deputies arrived on scene. Bechtel and Wedgeworth were in the process of removing a vehicle from the property when the home owner arrived on scene.

Matthew Bechtel and Robert Wedgeworth were booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with one count of Burglary of a Dwelling. Bechtel and Wedgeworth are being held in lieu of \$40,000.00 dollar bonds each set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Inv Alicia Handler

Arresting Officer(s): Inv Alicia Handler

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi

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