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PRESS RELEASE For Immediate Release

On Friday, February 22, 2019, Harrison County Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of a 16 year old male Juvenile who resides on Allen Road in Biloxi, MS on four (4) felony counts of Sexual Battery.

According to Sheriff Peterson, the Juvenile's arrest was the result of an investigation into allegations that he sexually assaulted his 7 year old twin nephews. The twin boys disclosed the assaults to their parents, who, in turn reported the assaults to the Harrison County Sheriff's Office. Upon Investigators conducting interviews and collecting evidence a four count arrest warrant was issued for the juvenile's arrest.

The Juvenile was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged as an adult with four counts of Sexual Battery. The Juvenile is being held in lieu of a \$40,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray pending an initial appearance.

Investigative Officer: Inv Alicia Handler

Arresting Officer(s): Inv Alicia Handler

Approved For Release:

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi