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

For Immediate Release

On Thursday April 25, 2019, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 56 year old Charlene Hilliard who resides at the 7000 block of Lobouy Road Pass Christian, MS on two felony counts of Child Abuse.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, a Child Abuse Complaint was reported on April 10, 2019 by Delisle Elementary School officials. A school nurse reported that a six year old female student of the school exhibited signs of physical abuse which led to the complaint filed with the Sheriff's Office. Investigators determined that Hilliard, the child's foster parent, physically abused the child on several occasions. A search of Hilliard's home along with a forensic interview with the child resulted in an arrest warrant being issued for Hilliard's arrest.

Charlene Hilliard was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with two felony counts of Child Abuse. Hilliard is being held in lieu of a \$150,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Investigator M. Y. Carbine

Arresting Officer(s): Deputy Joel Fitchie

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi

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