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

For Immediate Release

On Saturday, February 29, 2020, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 23 year old Simona Rene Somers who resides at 18401 Sky Lane Saucier, Ms. 39574 on a charge of Felonious Child Abuse.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 18401 Sky Lane in Saucier, Ms. 39574 in reference to the report of a disturbance between a mother and daughter. Upon arrival Deputies made contact with the daughter, Simona Somers, her mother and Simona's 9 week old infant daughter. Simona's Mother alledged that she walked into Simona's bedroom where Simona was sitting on the bed with her 9 week old child wrapped completely in a thick blanket which was also covering the infant's head and face and Simona was attempting to smother the child. AMR responded and determined that the child did not suffer any obvious injuries. DHS were called and responded to take custody of the infant child. Investigators placed Simona Somers under arrest for Felony Child Abuse and she was transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility .

Simona Rene Somers was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Felonious Child Abuse. Somers is being held in lieu of a \$50,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Albert Fountain pending her initial appearance.

Investigative Officer: Albert Warden _____

Arresting Officer(s): Albert Warden _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi