On April 22, 2020, Harrison County Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 33-year-old Jason Antonio Mitchell of New Orleans, Louisiana for the felony charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, Marijuana and MDMA (Ecstasy) and Possession of firearm by a felon.   
  
On April 22, 2020, at approximately 10:30 am, a Harrison County Sheriff’s Office Deputy conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 10 West at the 37 mile-marker in Gulfport, Mississippi. The deputy made contact with the driver of a GMC Yukon identified as Jason Antonio Mitchell. A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle led to the discovery of multiple individual packages of marijuana, with a gross weight of approximately two pounds and multiple bags containing approximately (1300) dosage units of MDMA (Ecstasy). The quantity of the marijuana and MDMA and the packaging of the drugs was indicative of a mid-level distribution operation. In addition, deputies located an AK-47 firearm and a Glock 9mm pistol with extended magazines. A criminal records inquiry revealed that Mitchell was a convicted felon and was unlawfully in possession of these firearms. Based on the findings, Mitchell was charged with multiple felony counts to include Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, Marijuana and MDMA (Ecstasy) and Possession of a Firearm by a felon. Jason Antonio Mitchell is currently being held at the Harrison County Sheriff’s Office Adult Detention Center in lieu of a $150,000.00 surety bond set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Albert J. Fountain.

Approved For Release:   
 Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi