



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

For Immediate Release

On Monday, July 20, 2020, the Harrison County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Hwy 90 and Beach Park Place in reference to a deceased male located on the beach.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, the Long Beach Police Department initially responded to the call and subsequently contacted the Sheriff's Office. Upon arrival of Investigators and the Coroner's Office, the deceased male was identified as 42 year old Matthew J. Shirley (W/M, DOB: 10/23/1977) of Kansas.

Shirley's death is currently under investigation. At this time there appears to be no signs of foul play related to Shirley's death. Shirley's vehicle was recovered near the scene of death.

Investigative Officer: Alicia Handler _____

Arresting Officer(s): _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi