



**HARRISON COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**For Immediate Release**

On Tuesday August 11, 2020 Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 49 year old Timothy Moran Jr. who resides at 24030 Enchanted Street in Pass Christian, MS on a felony charge of Touching of a Child for Lustful Purposes.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, on June 24, 2020 the juvenile victim's mother made a report at the Harrison County Sheriff's Office that her child whom is under the age of 16yrs was touched inappropriately. The mother stated that on May 1, 2020 she let her child stay at a relative's house. The mother stated that her child disclosed that while staying the night at the relative's house, Moran had touched her inappropriately. Moran was a boyfriend of the relative. Upon further investigation, investigators determined that Moran was responsible for touching of child for lustful purposes. On August 10, 2020, Investigators obtain a warrant on Moran. On August 11, 2020, Harrison County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Moran at his residence on the warrant. Moran was transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Center.

Timothy Moran Jr. was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Touching of a Child for Lustful Purposes. Moran is being held in lieu of a \$50,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray.

Investigative Officer: Inv. Avery Farish

Arresting Officer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Approved For Release: \_\_\_\_\_

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi