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*****PRESS RELEASE*****
For Immediate Release

On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, Harrison County Sheriff Matt Haley announced the arrest of 41-year-old Christopher Colt Brown of Diamondhead, Mississippi on felony charges of Felony Fleeing, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and federal drug and firearms violations.

On March 20, 2024, at approximately 4:05 pm, Harrison County Sheriff's Office Criminal Interdiction Patrol Units conducted a traffic stop on an Infinity SUV on Canal Road near I-10 in Gulfport for a traffic violation. After items indicative of drug use were observed in the vehicle, the driver, identified as Christopher Colt Brown, forcibly entered back into his vehicle, sped away and led deputies on a pursuit west on I-10 for several miles into Louisiana. Brown subsequently collided his vehicle into a patrol unit and came to a stop near Slidell, Louisiana. Brown was taken into custody by deputies and Louisiana State Police Troopers and was learned to be in possession of a loaded 9mm handgun. A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle ensued yielding approximately (2) ounces of methamphetamine.

Based on the aforementioned events and findings, Brown was taken into custody by Louisiana State Police Troopers on felony charges of criminal damage to government property and assault on a law enforcement officer. Brown will also face felony charges through the sheriff's office for fleeing and the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for federal drug and weapons violation. Brown is currently being held in the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Detention Center without bond pending judicial and extradition proceedings. The US Border Patrol also assisted in the apprehension and investigation.

Approved for Release: _____

Matt Haley, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi