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

**For Immediate Release**

On Wednesday, July 9, 2025, Harrison County Sheriff Matt Haley announced the arrest of 33 year old Diego Valdez-Marroquin, a citizen of Guatemala, on a felony charge of Aggravated Drug Trafficking.

On July 6, 2025, at approximately 9:18 PM, a Deputy from the Harrison County Sheriff's Office Criminal Interdiction Division conducted a traffic stop at the 39-mile marker of Interstate 10 Eastbound in Gulfport, on a Toyota Tacoma for a traffic violation. The Deputy contacted the driver, identified as Diego Valdez-Marroquin, and developed suspicions of drug trafficking. A subsequent search of his vehicle revealed 22 pounds of cocaine hidden within natural voids in the vehicle.

Diego Valdez-Marroquin was arrested and charged with the felony charge of Aggravated Drug Trafficking. Diego Valdez-Marroquin was transported and booked into the Harrison County Jail, held in lieu of a \$200,000.00 surety bond. The bond was set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner. The United States Border Patrol applied a federal immigration hold on Diago Valdez-Marroquin. The DEA and U.S. Border Patrol assisted in the investigation.

**Approved for Release:**

Matt Haley, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi