



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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For Immediate Release

On Wednesday, June 4, 2025 Sheriff Matt Haley announced the arrests of 22-year-old David Cunningham of Mobile, AL for one felony count of Kidnapping and Kristin Allen of Gulfport, MS for one felony count of Hindering Prosecution.

According to Sheriff Haley, on May 24, 2025, Harrison County Sheriff's Office received a call in the 14000 block of Audubon Lake Blvd in Gulfport, MS for possible shots fired at a house party. Upon arrival, Deputies were immediately advised the homeowner's dog was accidentally shot during recreational gunfire at the party, and the possible individual responsible for shooting the dog left the scene in the back seat of a marked Prichard Police Unit. Other Deputies responding to the area located the patrol unit leaving the scene and initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the Prichard Police unit was identified as an off-duty Prichard, AL Police Officer, David Cunningham. Cunningham was wearing his firearm and Prichard PD badge. A passenger, Kristin Allen, was also identified. At that time, Deputies were made aware that there was a 21-year-old male in the backseat of the patrol car that was handcuffed. Deputies removed the handcuffs and released the male from the backseat of the patrol car.

During the investigation, it was found that Cunningham went to the residence on Audubon Lake Blvd in his marked patrol unit after receiving a phone call from the party. Cunningham arrived at the residence, saw an individual arguing with the homeowner, handcuffed the individual, placed him in the patrol car, and left the scene. At no time was local law enforcement notified by Cunningham or Allen.

Due to Cunningham being out of state with no enforcement powers, knowingly detaining an individual, and removing him from the scene, a warrant was issued for Cunningham for Kidnapping. Allen assisted Cunningham with creating multiple versions of events in an effort to justify Cunningham's unlawful actions and detention of the individual. A warrant was issued for Allen for Hindering Prosecution.

On June 2, 2025, Kristin Allen was arrested on the warrant after turning herself in at the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and was issued a \$50,000 bond by Justice Court Judge Louise Ladner. On June 3, 2025, David Cunningham was arrested on the warrant by Orange County Sheriff's Office in Orlando, Florida. David Cunningham will be held in lieu of a \$500,000.00 set by Justice Court Judge Louise Ladner upon extradition from Florida.

Approved For Release:

Matt Haley, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi



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