



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Tuesday, February 14th, 2017, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 39 year old Xavian J. Ray who resides at 1000 block of 43rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS on felony charges of Burglary of a Dwelling, Felony Malicious Mischief, and Assault on a Police Officer.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Deputies were responding to the English Manor Subdivision off of Landon Road in Gulfport, MS, in reference to a suspicious person knocking on doors. Prior to the deputies arriving, the Sheriff's Department was advised the male subject had kicked in a door to a residence in the 10000 block of English Manor Drive. After the deputies arrived on scene, they discovered Ray inside the residence. Ray had ransacked the residence, breaking several items. Ray refused the commands of the deputies and a Sheriff's Department K9 was released to assist in apprehending Ray. Ray still refused to follow commands and began fighting with the deputies. The deputies were able to arrest Ray. During the arrest of Ray one Deputy received minor injuries. Ray was later transported to Gulfport Memorial Hospital for evaluation and then later released to deputies. .

Xavian J. Ray was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Burglary of a Dwelling, Felony Malicious Mischief, Assault on a Police Officer, and Resisting Arrest. Ray is being held in lieu of a \$100,500.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray. Judge Ray set Ray's bond at \$50,000.00 for the burglary, \$25,000.00 for the malicious mischief, \$25,000.00 for the assault on an officer, and \$500.00 for resisting arrest.

Investigative Officer: Nick Pennington, HCSD #32

Arresting Officer(s): Cody Crosby, HCSD #69

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi