



# HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 44 year old Clifford Melvin Keetion, Junior who declared he was homeless, on felony charges of two counts of sexual battery, one count attempted sexual battery, and one count of molesting.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Keetion was accused of sexually assaulting a friend's granddaughter while he lived with them on Robindale Road, Gulfport, MS. The victim reported the sexual assaults occurred in January of 2017. She was eleven years of age. Harrison County Sheriff's Department investigators obtained evidence supporting the allegations.

Clifford Melvin Keetion, Junior was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with two counts of sexual battery, one count of attempted sexual battery, and one count of molesting (touching a child for lustful purposes). Keetion is being held in lieu of a \$400,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Louise D. Ladner. Judge Ladner set Keetion's bond at \$100,000.00 for each offense.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Peterson", written in a cursive style.

Investigative Officer: Bill Scarbrough, HCSD #30

Arresting Officer(s): James Merritt

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

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi