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On Monday, June 12, 2017, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of David Nicholas Ryals, who resides at 902 Alverado Drive, Long Beach, MS on an felony charge of Murder.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Deputies responded to 9109 Sap Root Road, Pass Christian, MS on a report of a shooting. Upon arrival deputies located a victim in the front yard with a gunshot wound to the head. According to witnesses there was a physical altercation between two groups of people at which point Ryals produced a handgun and shot the victim. Ryals was later located at his residence by Long Beach Police Department and placed under arrest. The victim was transported to Garden Park Hospital and then Life Flighted to USA Hospital in Mobile, Alabama where he succumbed to his injuries

David Nicholas Ryals was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Murder. Ryals is being held in lieu of a \$100,000,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray.

Investigative Officer: Neal Allen

Arresting Officer(s): Neal Allen

Approved For Release:

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi

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