



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Monday September 25, 2017, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 34 year old James Allen Stevens who resides at 11126 County Farm Road Lot A Gulfport, MS 39503 on a felony charges of Sexual Battery of a Juvenile, Molesting/Touching of a Child for Lustful Purposes, Possession of Child Pornography and Video Recording Without Consent for Lewd Purposes.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, on September 20, 2017, Harrison County Deputies were called to a address in Harrison County on a report of a video being found by a roommate of James Stevens. Based on the video Harrison County Investigators obtained a warrant for Stevens for Sexual Battery. On September 21, 2017, Gautier Police Department arrested Stevens on the warrant. Further forensic examination of Steven's electronic devices by Harrison County Investigators led to additional charges being placed on Stevens.

James Stevens was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with the original charge of Sexual Battery then Molesting/Touching of a Child for Lustful Purposes, Possession of Child Pornography and Video Recording Without Consent for Lewd Purposes. Stevens is being held in lieu of a total \$300,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Investigator Jason Walker _____

Arresting Officer(s): Investigator Jason Walker _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi