



# HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**For Immediate Release**

On Tuesday October 9, 2018, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 36 year old Jose Rodriguez and 24 year old Eduardo Fernandez Echarte who resides at 9931 Deadwood Dr. Houston, Tx on felony charges of Unlawful use of a Scanning Devices and Possession of Counterfeit Instruments.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, On October 7, 2018, at approximately 8:52 a.m. Harrison County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Taylor conducted a traffic stop at Firetower Rd. and E. Dubuisson Rd. Pass Christian, MS, on a 2005 Volvo Station Wagon (Florida temporary tag FL-33010-2617) for an improper equipment violation. Upon stopping the car contact was made with the driver, Eduardo Fernandez Echarte and passenger, Jose Rodriguez. Upon speaking to the occupants Deputy Taylor got conflicting stories and requested consent to search the vehicle. Upon receiving written consent deputies recovered three (3) credit card skimming devices, three (3) counterfeit blank faced credit cards, one (1) gas pump key and thirteen (13) credit/gift cards. Echarte and Rodriguez were taken into custody and transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Center.

Rodriguez and Echarte was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Unlawful Use of Scanning Devices & Possession of Counterfeit Instruments. Rodriguez and Echarte are being held in lieu of a \$250,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray.

Investigative Officer: Caleb Mitchell

Arresting Officer(s): Deputy Jimmy Warden

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

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi