



HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 28 year old Byron Allen Ellison who resides at 14974 Calcutta Drive Gulfport, MS, on a felony charge of felonious child abuse.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, on Monday, October 15, 2018, Harrison County Sheriff's Deputies along with the Harrison County Fire Service and AMR responded to 14974 Calcutta Drive Gulfport, MS, for a medical emergency of a two month old who was reportedly not breathing. The two month old child was transported by AMR to Garden Park Medical Center. While at the hospital, it was discovered that the infant child had sustained a skull fracture and a double brain bleed. The child was airlifted to Oschner's Children's Hospital in critical condition. Sheriff's Investigators interviewed both parents of the infant. During an interview with the father, identified as Byron Allen Ellison, he confessed to abusing the child.

Byron Allen Ellison was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with one felony count of felonious child abuse. Byron Allen Ellison is being held in lieu of a \$100,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Dianne Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Inv. Anthony Piazza

Arresting Officer(s): Inv. Anthony Piazza

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi