



# HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

**For Immediate Release**

On Saturday, February 9, 2019, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 34 year old Billy Roberts who resides at 21403 Riceville Rd. Saucier, MS 39574 on a felony charge of First Degree Murder and Manslaughter.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, the arrest stemmed from a 911 call in reference to a shooting which occurred at 21403 Riceville Rd. Saucier, MS 39574. Harrison County Deputies arrived on scene to find two victims deceased from gunshot wounds. Roberts along with the two victims were residents of the home. Allegedly Roberts shot victims, David Garcia (20 yoa) and a male juvenile (2 yoa) during an altercation which took place between Garcia and Roberts.

Billy Roberts was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with one count of First Degree Murder and one count of Manslaughter. Roberts is being held in lieu of a \$1,500,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Diane Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Inv Alicia Handler \_\_\_\_\_

Arresting Officer(s): Inv Alicia Handler \_\_\_\_\_

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

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi