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*****PRESS RELEASE***
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On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 60 year old Ronald Vincent Jackson and 58 year old Angelea Bledsoe of Gulfport on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, to wit; Crack Cocaine. The arrests stemmed from an operation targeting street level crack cocaine dealers in Gulfport. The purpose of the operation was to identify and apprehended these street level crack cocaine dealers through investigative measures and execution of search warrants that were executed collaboratively with the Gulfport Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Homeland Security and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. A culmination of the warrants lead to the recovery of several ounces of crack cocaine in varying quantities from individual personal use quantities to larger recently prepared quantities that had not yet been separated for distribution. In addition, investigators recovered cutting agents, mixing equipment, scales and other items indicative of crack cocaine manufacturing.

According to Harrison County Sheriff Troy Peterson, the above listed individuals were found in possession of distribution amounts of crack cocaine during the execution of the warrants and several additional arrests are forthcoming stemming from the operation.

Investigative Officer: Harrison County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division

Arresting Officer(s): Harrison County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division

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Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi