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

On Thursday May 16, 2019, Sheriff Troy Peterson released information related to the drowning which occurred on the Wolfe River at approximately 4:41PM this date. The Victim 18 year old William P. Taylor-Henson who resides at 4401 Beatline Rd. Long Beach MS was pulled under by currents while swimming with a friend on the Wolfe River near the Bells Ferry Bridge.

Sheriff Peterson stated an exhaustive search by water was conducted by members of the Sheriff's Office, Harrison County Fire Department, Department of Marine Resources, Pass Christian Police and Gulfport Fire Department. The agency's used every tool at their disposal to find the victim including side scan sonar, submersible drones and rescue dogs.

At approximately 9:30PM on May 16, 2019 the body of Mr. Taylor-Henson was located by authorities in the area of the Bells Ferry Bridge. Mr. Taylor-Henson was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Investigative Officer: Investigator Anthony Piazza #24

Reporting Officer(s): Deputy Russell Hubbard #87

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi