



**HARRISON COUNTY
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*****PRESS RELEASE***
For Immediate Release**

On Monday, May 21st, 2019, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 24 year old Walter Edward Franklin III who resides at 12493 Nugent Road Gulfport, MS 39503 on one felony count of theft of a motor vehicle.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, on May 20th, 2019, Harrison County Sheriff's Investigators responded to the 12000 block of Nugent Road, Gulfport, MS, in reference to a possible stolen vehicle being located in the area. Sheriff's Investigators learned that Walter Edward Franklin III was found to be in possession of a vehicle that was stolen in the early morning hours of May 20th, 2019. The stolen vehicle was later recovered on scene by the owner .

Walter Edward Franklin III was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with one felony count of Theft of a motor vehicle. Franklin is being held in lieu of a \$75,000.00 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Diane Ladner.

Investigative Officer: Inv. William Wescovich

Arresting Officer(s): None

Approved For Release: _____
Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi