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

On August 8, 2019 Harrison County Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of a 16 year old male juvenile on the felony charge of making Terroristic Threats.

Sheriff Peterson stated that on August 8, 2019 at approximately 8:30 am a Harrison County Sheriff's School Resource Deputy on duty at West Harrison County High School received information about a social media post authored by a 16 year old showing a picture of guns along with a threat to West Harrison High school. SRO Deputies notified the school and standard protocol precautions were put into place while Investigators traveled to the juvenile's residence. The juvenile was located at his home and taken into custody without incident. The guns depicted in the social media post along with other evidence were seized during a subsequent search conducted on the residence. The juvenile had been a student at the school in 2018 but had not registered at the school for 2019 as of this date.

The juvenile was taken to the Harrison County Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division where he was interviewed and processed on the charge of making Terroristic Threats. He was then taken to the Juvenile Detention Facility without a bond pending his appearance before a Family Court Judge.

Investigative Officer: _____

Arresting Officer(s): _____

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi

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