



# HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

**For Immediate Release**

On Monday, July 13, 2020, Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 42 year old Bobby Ray Merrell whom resides at 1023 Merrell Lane in Saint Landry, LA on a felony charge of Malicious Mischief.

According to Sheriff Troy Peterson, Harrison County Sheriff's Office responded to Canal Road and Landon Road in Gulfport, MS in reference to an alarm from the Twice as Nice ice machine. Upon arrival Harrison County Sheriff's Deputies noticed that the ice machine had been broken into. Deputies then received another alarm call at Klondyke Road and Commission Road in Long Beach, MS to another Twice as Nice ice machine. Deputies with the assistance of the Long Beach Police Department obtained suspect vehicle information and a suspect description from video surveillance from both ice machines. Long Beach Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle on Commission Road in Long Beach. Officers made contact with the driver and identified him as Bobby Ray Merrell. Officers using the video then positively identified Merrell as the suspect whom broke into the ice machines. Deputies arrived on scene and placed Merrill under arrest for Felony Malicious Mischief and transported him to the Harrison County Adult Detention Center.

Merrell was booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and charged with Felony Malicious Mischief and is being held in lieu of a \$15,000.00 bond set by Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner pending his initial appearance.

Arresting Officer(s): Jason Walker \_\_\_\_\_

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

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi