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

On Thursday, May 6, 2021 Sheriff Troy Peterson announced the arrest of 25 year old Hunter Patterson and 27 year old Kelee Patterson who both reside at 21580 East Ridge Drive in Saucier, MS on one count each of Felony Child Abuse.

According to Sheriff Peterson, on Sunday, March 28, 2021, Child protective services informed Harrison County Investigators that the Patterson's 3 month old infant was brought into a local area hospital with a fractured arm and over 15 healed or healing fractures throughout the child's body. The infant was transferred to USA Medical Center in Mobile, Alabama for further treatment and testing. Upon further investigation it was determined that Hunter Patterson and Kelee Patterson were responsible for abusing the infant. On May 5, 2021, Investigators obtained warrants on both Hunter Patterson and Kelee Patterson for felony child abuse. On May 6, 2021, Hunter Patterson and Kelee Patterson surrendered themselves to Investigators on the warrants at the Harrison County Criminal Investigation Division. The infant has been released from the hospital and remains in the custody of DHS.

. Hunter Patterson and Kelee Patterson were booked into the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility and are being held in lieu of a \$25,000.00 bond each set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray pending their initial appearances.

Investigative Officer: Inv. Avery McClellon

Arresting Officer(s): Inv. Avery McClellon

Approved For Release: _____

Troy J. Peterson, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi