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

On July 30, 2024, Harrison County Sheriff Matt Haley announced the arrest of 46-year-old Juan Jesus Flores Cupido, a citizen of Mexico, on a felony charge of credit card fraud.

In May of 2024, Harrison County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division began an investigation of fraudulent use of a compromised government credit card. The fraudulent charges stemmed from purchases of approximately \$10,000.00 of building materials at retail lumber stores in Waveland and D'Iberville, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama. Through an ongoing investigation, Investigators were able to identify one of the subjects involved as Juan Jesus Flores Cupido.

On July 30, 2024, at approximately 4:45 pm, Harrison County Sheriff's Office Investigators located Cupido at a residence in the 2200 block of Gulf Avenue in Gulfport. Cupido was taken into custody without incident and charged with Credit Card Fraud. Additionally, Cupido was learned to be in the country illegally and had previously been deported.

Cupido was transported to the Harrison County Jail held in lieu of a \$25,000.00 bond set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Brandon Ladner. US Border Patrol Agents also issued a detainer on Cupido for immigration violations. Cupido is currently not bondable due to the immigration detainer.

Approved for Release: Matt Haley, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi