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

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, Sheriff Matt Haley announced the arrest of 36-year-old Andrew Betancourt of Gulfport, MS on one felony count of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. 55-year-old Jodi Klubnik of Gulfport, MS was also arrested in relation to this incident and charged with one felony count of Providing False Information of a Sex Offender to Law Enforcement and one felony count of Harboring a Sex Offender in Violation.

According to Sheriff Haley, Harrison County Sheriff's Office Investigators and the US Marshals Task Force responded to the 4500 block of Jefferson Avenue in Gulfport, MS to serve an arrest warrant on Andrew Betancourt. Upon arrival, Investigators and the Marshals Task Force contacted Betancourt's mother, Jodi Klubnik. Klubnik stated her son did not live at the residence and was uncooperative with Law Enforcement on scene. Investigators and Marshals Task Force entered the residence and located Betancourt hiding under a bed. Betancourt was taken into custody for his warrant and was transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Center. Investigators later obtained warrants on Klubnik and arrested her.

Betancourt is being held in lieu of a \$25,000 dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge T. Lyons. Klubnik is being held in lieu of a \$200,000 bond set by Justice Court Judge L. Ladner.

Approved For Release:

Matt Haley, Sheriff, Harrison County, Mississippi