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

On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Harrison County Sheriff Matt Haley announced the arrest of 24-year-old, Nicholas Larmon Steele, of Gautier on felony charges of Possession of Stolen Property (Vehicle), Felony Fleeing and Possession of a Controlled Substance, to wit; Cocaine.

On June 24, 2024, at approximately 4:15 pm, Harrison County Sheriff's Office Deputies located a stolen Mercedes at a local hotel on Canal Road in Gulfport. Deputies attempted to made contact with the driver of the vehicle who fled and led deputies on a high-speed vehicle pursuit. The pursuit ended in the parking lot of Faith Baptist Church where the driver, Nicholas Steele, exited the vehicle on foot leaving the vehicle unattended and in drive. The vehicle then collided into the A/C units of the church causing heavy damage. Deputies initiated a search for several hours in the wooded area surrounding the church. Steele was located walking in the area but again attempted to flee on foot. Deputies were able to apprehend Steele who was also found in possession of cocaine.

Steele was subsequently arrested and transported to the Harrison County Jail and held in lieu of a \$60,000.00 surety bond set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Albert J. Fountain.

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