



## ADAMS COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

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### Press Release

During the early morning hours on Monday March 19, 2018, deputies with the Adams County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Group and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics (MBN) began arresting a list of people for various drug crimes. Sheriff Patten stated that his deputies have been targeting some of the local hotels where drug dealing and other crimes are taking place as well as an area at the corner of MLK Blvd and St Catherine St known as "the triangle". We receive complaints about these locations on a regular basis and have made a concentrated effort to make undercover buys from some of the dealers operating in these areas. It creates a bad image and a danger to the public when people just want to get something to eat, go into a store, get gas, get their hair cut, or try to get a hotel room after a long days work but instead have to witness drug dealers and drug users trying to take over an area.

Deputies were able to locate and arrest 12 of the 16 people that they were looking for. Deputies were not able to locate and are still actively looking for Marcus McDonald, Venita Felter Mulvhill, Roderick Bradey and Carlos Smith.

Deputies also assisted MBN on prescription forgery and sale of prescription medication cases that stretched into Franklin County. Aronica Dukes, Timothy Dukes, and Lazienda Truner were arrested for various prescription forgery charges and transported to the Franklin County Jail.

I just want people to know that we are actively trying to take actions (City & County) on every level, from the dealer on the corner to the distributor that is bringing the drug in from a source area. We have been working with multiple agencies and believe that more arrests will come soon.