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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**March 3, 2019**

**Natchez, MS:** On Friday, March 1, 2019 ACSO deputies were dispatched to 15 Quasar Dr. regarding trespassing. Ashley reported that game cameras were installed at her home outside and inside without her knowledge or permission and that she believed her estranged husband Johnathan Beach was responsible. Deputies were looking for Johnathan in regards to this matter when they were notified that Johnathan was back at this location. While en route, deputies were advised shots were fired and that there were at least two victims. Upon arrival, deputies came in contact with 36 year old Johnathan Beach who was wounded and armed. Johnathan surrendered without incident. Deputies made contact with a female subject later identified as Ashley Beach who advised two people were shot inside. Once inside the residence, two male subjects were observed on the floor of the kitchen with another female subject performing CPR on one of the them. Deputies relieved the female and began CPR on both subjects until AMR Ambulance arrived. Both were pronounced dead at the scene. They were identified as 31 year old Troy Whittington and 34 year old Jason Haley who were off duty volunteer firemen.

Johnathan Beach was charged and booked into the Adams County Jail on two charges of Murder.