

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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### **Unregistered Sex Offender Arrested in Valley Head**

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office was contacted in the morning hours of May 19 by the United States Marshal Service Gulf Coast Fugitive Task Force, Huntsville Office, regarding Allen Larue Mitchell, 44, wanted in Morgan County for failure to register as a sex offender. The Marshal Service had confirmed information that Mitchell had been living in Valley Head for several months. The Marshal Service and representatives of the Sheriff's Office went to his residence on County Road 239 in Valley Head, and Mitchell arrived there a short time later. He was arrested without incident and transported to the DeKalb County Jail. He remains in jail at this time on the Morgan County charges of failure to register as a sex offender. Additional charges are pending in DeKalb County regarding his failure to register his Valley Head address.

Mitchell had reportedly been living in Morgan County for quite some time. He was originally convicted in Blount County in 1992 of sexual abuse 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. The victim in that case was a 12-year-old male.

