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SHOOTING AND ARSON CASES RESULT IN ARRESTS

An early morning shooting on Sunday, November 28, started off the work week for deputies and investigators. The offense occurred in the 6800 block of Bass Street in Howard Creek shortly after 12:00 AM Central Time (CT). Tommy Glenn Smith (70) was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon. The victim in the case suffered a single gunshot wound and was transported to the hospital. The victim has since been released.

On Monday, November 29, just before 3:00 AM CT the Gulf County Sheriff's Office was notified of a structure fire where the shooting incident occurred the morning before. The Howard Creek Volunteer Fire Department and other departments in the county assisted in extinguishing the fire. No one was injured; however, the home was a total loss. Investigators grew suspicious and suspected the fire was intentionally set. As the investigation continued a suspect in the case was identified. Investigators developed probable cause and obtained an arrest warrant for Billy Milton Johnson (58). Johnson was arrested last night in the 200 block of Roberts Cemetery Road in Honeyville for Arson.

Johnson was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he remains in custody. Smith was released on November 30 after he posted bond.

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