

# Sheriff



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## **OCSO ARRESTS MISSISSIPPI FUGITIVE WANTED FOR CYBERSTALKING**



Investigators with the Okaloosa County Special Investigations Section today located and arrested Jerry W. Woodward at 101 Old Ferry Road #9C, in Shalimar. Woodward was taken into custody without incident and is being held on a Fugitive of Justice charge pending extradition back to Mississippi. He faces charges of CyberStalking (using electronic mail to threaten to inflict personal injury to a lawyer and her husband, a Chancery Court Judge.)

Mississippi Chancery Courts have jurisdiction over disputes in matters involving equity; domestic matters including adoptions, custody disputes and divorces; guardianships; sanity hearings; wills; and challenges to constitutionality of state laws. Land records are filed in Chancery Court.

Chancery Courts have jurisdiction over juvenile matters in counties which have no County Court.

A copy of the affidavit is attached.

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ATTACHMENT A

AFFIDAVIT – COUNTY OF HARRISON

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
HCSO

Case # 2011-18433

Inv. Joe Sturm

Underlying Facts and Circumstances:

On December 12, 2011, at approximately 8:43 pm, Jerry Ray Woodward, a former client of Attorney Kaye Persons, sent a four (4) page threatening electronic e-mail to Kaye Persons. The e-mail reflected that Woodward was upset with Kaye due to the results of a case Kaye represented Woodward on. The E-mail stated that Woodward had extreme anger and hatred towards Kaye and that he (Woodward) intended to shoot Kaye and her husband, Chancery Court Judge Jim Persons. The e-mail stated that Woodward had was also going to burn down Kaye's business office.

The e-mail stated that Woodward had previously loaded his vehicle with fifteen (15) gallons of gasoline, gun and ammunition and was driving to Kaye's Office. Woodward stated that he had full intentions of burning her business to the ground and that if Kaye or her husband tried to stop him, Woodward was going to shoot them. Woodward went onto say that he set up everything in the event he had to go to jail for the rest of his life for the actions he was thinking of doing to Kaye and her family.

Woodward states all he does is think about what and how to get back at Kaye. Woodward states that he has driven to Kaye's office on a few different occasions with gas and guns to get even with Kaye.

Woodward stated he has never owned guns but now he owns many. That he sits up at night with thoughts of what to do and how he can get away with it. Woodward stated that revenge is only thing he lives for and to get back at Kaye in one way or the other.

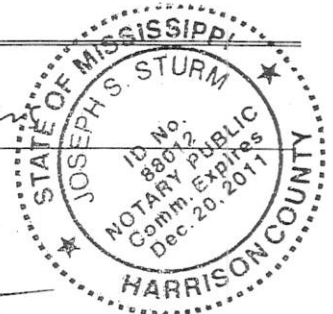
Woodward stated he does not forget, forgive and he always always gets even with people that lie and steal from him. Woodward stated that he [REDACTED] and that one day Kaye will get what is coming to her by his hands or the hands of others.

Woodward stated that he was driving to Kaye's Office one night and he came across a car accident. Woodward stated "if there is a God, he saved you (Kaye) that night". Woodward states in his mind he has already justified he is right and that he would never think about it after it ws over. Woodward stes that he has never felt so much hate in his life and that Kaye needs to suffer a painful death before she goes to hell.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 15 Day of December, 2011

Kaye Persons  
Affiant's Signature

[Signature]  
Justice Court Judge/Clerk/Notary



AFFIDAVIT-COUNTY OF HARRISON

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI Inv. Joe Sturm

H.C.S.O. 2011-18433

Before me, 2nd , Judicial District, State of Mississippi,

Kaye Persons

makes affidavit on information that

Jerry Ray Woodward W/M 6/21/1960 [REDACTED]

on or about the <sup>12</sup>~~31~~ day of <sup>December 2011</sup>~~October, 2008~~, in the said County aforesaid in Justice's District, did:

Cyber Stalking/E-mail Threats 97-45-15  
did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously use in electronic mail words or language threatening to inflict bodily harm to Kaye Persons and her husband Chancery Court Judge Jim Persons and did threaten to inflict physical injury to the property of Kaye Persons

against the peace and dignity of the State.

*Kaye Persons*

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Affidavit's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 15 day of December

*J. Sturm*  
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Justice Court Judge/Clerk/Notary Public

