

Mississippi County Sheriff's Department

CASE# 2016-0545

OFFENSE: 5-36-103 THEFT OF PROPERTY OVER \$5,000 BUT LESS THAN \$25,000 (MOTOR VEHICLE)

VICTIM:

[REDACTED]

OSCEOLA, AR 72330

OFFENDER:

JERMICHA BERRY

[REDACTED]
LEPANTO, AR 72354

INVESTIGATOR: LT PRESTON WILLIAMS

SYNOPSIS:

ON 06/22/2016 ETOWAH POLICE CHIEF JOE RINEY RECIEVED A CALL OF AN ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT ON CLINTON RD IN ETOWAH. UPON ARRIVAL RINEY SPOKE WITH A WITNESS. THE WITNESS STATED SHE CALLED HER SON TO ALERT HIM OF THE VEHICLE. THE WITNESS' SON STATES HE GOES OUTSIDE AND FINDS SOMEONE HAS BEEN IN HIS GMC ACADIA. THE SON STATES THE KEYS WERE IN THE CUP HOLDER BUT WERE NOW IN THE IGNITION AND THE VEHICLE WAS IN REVERSE. THE SON STATES HE THEN SEES THE SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE(RED TRUCK) BEGIN TO FLEE THE AREA. THE SON STATES HE SEES THE TRUCK STOP, PICK UP TWO INDIVIDUALS THEN CONTINUE TOWARD HIGHWAY 140. THE SON SAYS HE GIVES CHASE AND CALLS 911. THE SON SAYS HE FOLLOWED THE RED TRUCK INTO LEPANTO. MISSISSIPPI COUNTY DEPUTIES WERE DISPATCHED TO THE AREA TO ASSIT CHIEF RINEY. WHILE DEPUTIES WERE IN ROUTE LEPANTO POLICE ADVISED THEY HAD LOCATED THE RED TRUCK ABANDONED IN THEIR CITY. LEPANTO REQUESTED MCSD DEPUTIES TO ASSIT THEM IN SEARCHING FOR THE SUSPECTS. WHILE DEPUTIES WERE IN ROUTE LEPANTO ADVISED THEY WERE IN FOOT PURSUIT OF A BLACK MALE. WHEN DEPUTIES ARRIVED LEPANTO POLICE HAD TAKEN THE FLEEING SUSPECT INTO CUSTODY. THE FLEEING SUSPECT WAS IDENTIFIED AS JERMICHA BERRY OF LEPANTO. LEPANTO OFFICER KEVIN TUCKER STATES HE NOTICED A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE PARKED AT THE APARTMENTS ON HIGHWAY 140. OFFICER TUCKER MADE CONTACT WITH BLACK MALE WHO WAS WITH THE PARKED VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS A BLACK CHEVROLET SLIVERADO. THE TRUCK TAG RETURNED TO SOMONE ON WEST STATE HIGHWAY 297 OSCEOLA WHICH IS IN THE WEST RIDGE AREA. DEPUTY MATT MALONE KNEW THE TRUCK OWNER SO HE CALLED HIM. UPONE MAKING CONTACT WITH THE OWNER HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE HIS VEHICLE WAS MISSING. THE TRUCK OWNER STATED HE WENT TO BED AROUND 10:30 PM AND HIS TRUCK WAS SITTING IN THE DRIVEWAY. BERRY WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND TRANSPORTED TO MCSD. ON 06/22/2016 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM JERMICHA BERRY WAS INTERVIEWED BY MYSELF AND OSECOLA PD DETECTIVE TERRY HODGES. BERRY WAS ADVISED OF HIS MIRANDA RIGHTS AND WAIVED THOSE RIGHTS. DURING THE INTERVIEW BERRY ADMITS TO STEALING THE BLACK CHEVROLET SILVERADO. BERRY STATED THAT HE AND THREE OTHERS TOOK A TRUCK IN LEPANTO THEN HEADED TOWARD OSCEOLA ON HIGHWAY 140. BERRY STATED HE WASNT SURE WHERE THEY WERE BUT THEY TURNED ON A "BACKROAD" AND WERE CHECKING VEHICLES. BERRY STATES THAT THEY FOUND KEYS IN THE

TRUCK. BERRY STATED THEY THEN BEGAN TRYING TO DECIDE WHO WOULD DRIVE. BERRY STATED HE DECIDED TO DRIVE SO HE AND OTHER OF THE GROUP GOT IN AND HE DROVE OFF. BERRY STATED THAT PERSONS IN THE "MAROON" TRUCK LEFT AND HE COULDNT FIND THEM. BERRY STATED AFTER TRYING TO LOCATE THE OTHER TRUCK HE WENT BACK TO LEPANTO. BERRY STATED HE THEN PARKED THE TRUCK IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE APARTMENT COMPLEX ON HIGHWAY 140. BERRY STATED HE WAS STANDING OUTSIDE THE TRUCK WITH ANOTHER TRUCK PULLS UP WHO HE THINKS IS HIS FRIENDS IN THE MAROON TRUCK. BERRY STATED HE NOTICED THAT ONLY ONE PERSON GOT OUT THEN SAW THAT IT WAS A POLICE OFFICER [REDACTED] WAITED FOR A CHANCE THEN RAN TOWARD HIS HOUSE ON THELMA STREET. BERRY STATED THAT HE WAS FOUND HIDING BY POLICE A SHORT TIME LATER .

[REDACTED]