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MALTB Investigators Make Arrest in Hinds County

JACKSON, Miss. – This week, Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau (MALTB) investigators arrested 29-year-old suspect Joseph Ray Williamson, with the assistance of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. Williamson is a suspect in the theft of agriculture equipment.

On July 18, 2023, MALTB investigators arrested Williamson without incident in the Jackson area on an outstanding warrant from Hinds County.

MALTB Director Dean Barnard said, “This is an open and ongoing criminal investigation. Additional arrests are expected. I want to thank the investigators with Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics for their hard work.”

If you are aware of stolen property please contact your local law enforcement, the Central Mississippi Crime Stoppers at Tip Hot Line (601-355-TIPS) or the Mississippi Agricultural and Livestock Theft Bureau at Tip Hot Line (1-800-678-2660). All Hot Tip Line callers shall remain anonymous.

The Mississippi Agricultural and Livestock Theft Bureau, the law enforcement division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, enforces state laws pertaining to the theft of cattle, horses, swine, poultry, fish, farm equipment, chemicals, timber and all other farm or agriculture-related crimes. Visit <http://msagtheft.org/> to learn more about the MALTB.

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