



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2/27/2024

SEX OFFENDER VIOLATIONS LEAD TO ARRESTS

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On February 23, 2024, Putnam County Sheriff's Office Deputies received information regarding 30-year-old **Matthew Cole Gentry** of Belton TX residing at a local motel. **Gentry** is a registered sex offender who has been trying to elude the requirements of his conviction by moving to another state and not registering as prescribed by law. Deputies responded to the location and successfully made contact with **Gentry**.

Gentry was arrested and charged with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. **Gentry** has a bond of \$5,000 and a court date set for April 8, 2024.

On February 24, 2024, Putnam County Sheriff's Office Deputies, assisted by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, received information regarding the whereabouts of 37-year-old **William Gregory Mills**, who has been eluding sex offender registration for approximately two years and has pled to seven sex offender registry violations since 2018.

Mills was arrested on his outstanding warrants and charged with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, and Juvenile Capias. **Mills** has a bond of \$50,000 and a court date of March 18, 2024.



Media Contact:

Austen Pevehouse, Public Information Officer | pio@putnamcountytntnsheiff.gov | 931.265.8605

"Earning the Public Trust Every Day!"

**** This Press Release is property of Sheriff Eddie Farris, any use of this release without authorization or consent is strictly prohibited. ****