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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Known Sex Offender Apprehended**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On August 6, 2017 at approximately 7:00 p.m., Putnam County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested James David Cooper, 42, of Cookeville, TN, at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Mr. Cooper was spotted by Deputy Gary Davis.

Deputy Davis quickly alerted Deputy David Corley, one of the organizers of PCSO's sex offender registry checks. Sheriff Farris has Deputies continually monitoring all registered sex offenders within Putnam County. Prior to the start of school, PCSO had just completed their regularly scheduled sex offender registry checks, and generated five warrants and three arrests from those interviews. Deputy Corley confirmed with PCSO's Dispatch that James Cooper had two warrants. One warrant was for failure to register as a sex offender and the other was a General Sessions Court Capias. Sergeant Steve Elrod and Deputy Corley searched through the rain for Cooper. When they found him, Deputy Corley took Mr. Cooper into custody on the aforementioned charges.

Mr. Cooper was found to be in possession of oxycodone and other drug paraphernalia at the time of his arrest. Cookeville Police Department has an indictment against James Cooper for selling methamphetamine within a drug free zone. Both methamphetamine and oxycodone are considered Schedule II substances according to the Controlled Substances Act. This means that they have a high potential for abuse. James David Cooper is currently being held at the Putnam County Jail, and his bond is set at \$20,000.

Sheriff Eddie Farris and the men and women of the PCSO firmly believe the safety of our community to be of the utmost importance, and they actively continue to seek out anyone who threatens the safety of its citizens. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office, along with other local enforcement, have patrols working the entire schedule of the Putnam County Fair.

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