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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Sheriff's Office Catches Escaped Felon**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – April 19, 2018- At approximately 9:00 AM, escaped felon Michael D. Whittaker was taken into custody by Putnam County Sheriff's Office Deputies. Lieutenant Patrick Storie saw someone who fit Whittaker's description outside of a residence on Spurlock Dr. He contacted US Marshal Josh Reams, Lieutenant Tony Branch, Sergeant Jeremy Nash, Deputy Gabe Frizzell, Deputy Brandon Tayes, Deputy Devon Brown, and Deputy D.J. Sons. They set up a perimeter around the residence and were able to apprehend Whittaker without incidence.

The Sheriff's Office has been relentlessly seeking Whittaker since his disappearance last Thursday afternoon. Michael Whitaker has two charges of RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT and one count of EVADING ARREST in Putnam County. His bond is set at \$11,500.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> Michael D. Whitaker fled the scene of an automobile accident at 150 First Ave. N. Baxter, TN after attempting to evade Putnam County Sheriff's Office Deputies at a routine traffic stop. Whitaker was on parole out of White County and living in Sparta, TN. White County for FELONY POSSESSION OF SCHEDULE II DRUGS, POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, FALSE POLICE REPORT, and ALT/FALS/FORG AUTO TITLE/PLATES. His bond in White County is set at \$25,000.

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