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## News Release

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On Sept. 17, 2011, Saturday afternoon at approximately 2:40 p.m. Terrebonne Parish deputies were dispatched to the 500 block of Marietta Place, Gray in reference to an accidental shooting.

Deputies arrived at this location and learned that the 14 year old victim had been shot in the mouth by his 20 year old cousin, Percy Howard. During this investigation it was learned that the victim and Howard were outside of the residence, 501 Marietta Place Gray, talking when Howard pulled the gun from his pocket and began playing with it. The weapon accidentally discharged striking the 14 year old in the mouth which destroyed some of his teeth. Howard allegedly found this weapon and was not familiar with the mechanics of it.

Acadian Ambulance transported the victim to the Terrebonne General Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. The victim underwent surgery and his injuries does not appear to be life threatening. The .25 cal handgun was recovered from Percy Howard, age- 20, 105 Geaux Ave. Houma. There are no charges being filed for this accidental shooting.

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois

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