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## News Release

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Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois says that on September 20, 2010, Monday night the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic violence incident Monday night at a local apartment complex that led to a two-hour stand-off.

A 911 call was received by TPSO at approximately 7:19 p.m. from a female caller who reported being physically abused by her husband at the Ansley Place apartment complex in west Houma. Upon the deputies' arrival at 7:19 p.m., the female was removed from the apartment safely. Upon attempting contact with the male suspect inside the apartment, the male locked himself in a bedroom and refused to exit. He commented to deputies that he would harm anyone who attempted to enter the bedroom. The deputies secured the female and the TPSO SWAT team was activated. Information was

provided by the female caller that the male suspect had ingested several alcoholic beverages and possibly ingested an unknown amount of prescription pain killers. SWAT negotiators attempted contact with the suspect through various means, but he refused to respond.

At approximately 9:15 p.m., entry was made into the apartment and the suspect was found locked inside of a bedroom. The suspect was unresponsive and had no pulse. SWAT medics immediately began CPR and within minutes, revived the suspect. Acadian Ambulance removed the suspect from the apartment and transported him to Terrebonne General medical Center where he is currently listed in critical condition.

The suspect is identified as Daniel Smathers, age-51, of Ansley Place Complex. Smathers remained in the Terrebonne General Hospital critical care unit until he died on September 23, 2010, Thursday evening at 4:43 p.m. The cause of death is unclassified at this time pending toxicology.

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois