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News Release

4 P.M.Update: The victim, Nicole Blanchard, from this morning's attempted murder- suicide remains in critical condition and has been transported to a New Orleans Hospital.

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On Jan. 12, 2011, Wednesday morning at 9:25 a.m. the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office received a 911 call in reference to a female being shot at 102 Woodburn St. Houma. The caller advised that the victim was unable to talk and that she was using her cell phone to text by means of communication.

TPSO communications then communicated with the victim on the phone by asking her a series of questions. The victim would then respond by pressing the keypad on the phone. The victim informed communications that her husband shot her and that she was lying on her bed in the bedroom in the rear of the residence. At this time that victim did not know whether or not the suspect (husband) was still inside of the residence.

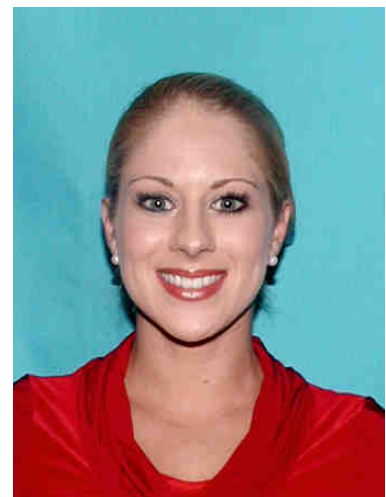
Deputies arrived on scene and secured the area surrounding the residence. During this time TPSO communications continued to communicate with the victim. Shortly afterwards the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office SWAT team arrived on scene and made entry into the residence in order to render aid to the victim and to attempt to locate the suspect. After making entry into the residence deputies then discovered the suspect was lying on the couple's bedroom floor with an apparent self inflicted gunshot wound to his head.

The victim was immediately removed from the residence. Acadian Ambulance treated the victim on scene prior to transporting her to the Terrebonne General Hospital.

The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim is identified as Nicole Lirette Blanchard, w/f age-29. The suspect is identified as Larry J. Blanchard, age-57.

Nicole Blanchard remains hospitalized and is in the process of undergoing surgery for the gunshot wound to her mouth.

Nicole and Larry Blanchard owned Body Elite Fitness Company of Houma, La.



Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois