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A Houma man was arrested Thursday night for distribution of illegal narcotics, Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois said.

Agents from the Terrebonne Parish Narcotics Task Force were conducting patrols in the area of Mechanicville in east Houma at approximately 2100 hrs. While patrolling on Daniel Turner Trailer Court, a street off of East Street, agents observed a suspicious situation between a pedestrian and the driver of a vehicle. The agents observed the two subjects exchange an item. As they approached the subjects to question them, the driver of the vehicle attempted to flee the scene.

As the agents attempted to detain the driver, they observed that he was attempting to swallow something in his mouth. The driver was ultimately detained, after one of the agents deployed a Taser. The agents observed that the driver appeared to be choking. The subject was released from handcuffs and agents attempted to clear the driver's airway by administering the Heimlich maneuver. Acadian Ambulance attendants arrived on scene as agents continued to assist the driver with breathing.

While en route to a local, nearby hospital, ambulance attendants, along with an agent who assisted with the transportation of the driver, removed a clear plastic bag from the driver's airway. The bag contained suspected cocaine. Upon arrival at Chabert Hospital, emergency room personnel removed an additional clear bag containing suspected marijuana and heroin from the driver's airway. The driver died at the hospital shortly thereafter.

The driver was identified as Wayne Michael Williams, 27, of 3506 Thomas Drive. He has an extensive criminal history including several illegal narcotics distribution arrests. He also had active warrants with TPSO.

Meanwhile, the passenger was detained and identified as Rico Moultrie, 20 of 932 East Street in Houma. He was subsequently arrested for obstructing a public passageway, distribution of CDS I (marijuana), distribution of CDS I (heroin), distribution of CDS II (cocaine), resisting arrest by violence and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked and jailed at the Terrebonne Parish Criminal Justice Complex.

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