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## News Release

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Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois says that on March 31, 2011, Thursday night at approximately 11:20 p.m., Terrebonne Parish deputies responded to the Exxon Service Station located at 6957 West Park Ave. Houma in reference to auto theft.

Deputies arrived at this location and made contact with the 20 year old victim of the auto theft. He stated that after he arrived at the store he exited his vehicle, leaving the engine on, and went into the store. He said that entering the store he observed an intoxicated white male arguing with the cashier. The white male then walked towards the exit while he made a purchase. The victim then stated that when he exited the store he noticed this same white male as he got into the driver's seat of his vehicle and drive off, headed north bound, in a very reckless manner.

Then, shortly after this occurred deputies and La. State Police responded to an accident at the business of Blooming Orchid, 6616 West Park Ave. Houma. This crash into the Blooming Orchid building was the result of a fatal accident involving the suspect of the auto theft from the Exxon Service Station.

This accident is being investigated by the La. State Police; however, as of Friday morning, April 1, 2011, the victim has yet to be identified.

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois

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