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On November 10, 2011, Terrebonne Parish detectives began an investigation in reference to child abuse involving a 6 year old child.

Detectives made contact with this 6 year old child and saw that he had a scar to his face. The child informed detectives that his step father burned him in the face with a cigarette because he did not listen when he was told to leave the room. The juvenile victim was brought to the Terrebonne General Hospital where he was treated for the burn to his face.

During this investigation detectives learned that there was a history of domestic violence and illegal drug use within the home. The child reported this incident to his mother on Nov. 6, 2011; however, she did not report this to the Sheriff's Office.

On November 10, 2011, detectives picked up James Wells at his residence, 142 Shirley St. Houma, and transported him to the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office. Detectives questioned Wells and he denied burning the child with the cigarette but admitted to his drug use and committing a battery on his wife earlier during this day.

James Delton Wells, age-32, 142 Shirley St. Houma, was arrested for 2nd degree battery, cruelty to a juvenile and domestic abuse battery. Wells remains in jail on a \$200,000.00 bond; his arraignment date is set for Dec. 20, 2011.

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois

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