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On Monday May 02, 2011 shortly after 12pm Agents with the Terrebonne Narcotics Task Force attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a 2002 Cadillac Deville. Agents were patrolling on Hwy. 316. Agents were in an unmarked TNTF vehicle equipped with emergency lights and audible sirens. Agents activated the emergency lights and initiated the traffic stop in the 800 block of Hwy. 316 (commonly known as Bayou Blue road). The Cadillac Deville was travelling west on Hwy. 316 with its car stereo system amplifying in an excessive level. The original violation was for Terrebonne Parish Ordinance 19-Loud Music.

At this point Agents were attempting to stop the vehicle for this infraction. Agents approached the vehicle from the driver's side, to make contact with the driver. A second Agent positioned himself to the passenger's side of the vehicle, in an effort to determine the amount of subjects in the vehicle. Agents were able to determine that he vehicle was occupied one time, the driver.

The Agent on the driver's side of the vehicle made contact with the driver and asked for him to step out of the vehicle. The driver of the Cadillac opened the driver's side door, began to step out of the vehicle, and the hurriedly shut the door. At this point, the driver of the Cadillac placed the vehicle in gear, accelerated and sped away from the agents, who were attempting to conduct the stop. As the suspect accelerated the vehicle away from the stop, one Agent was forced into the roadway of potential highway traffic. The second Agent was forced to jump away from the vehicle, as it nearly struck him on the right side of his body.

As the Agent was attempting to disengage from the vehicle, he drew his service weapon and fired one round into the rear passenger tire of the suspect vehicle. Agents then pursued the vehicle until it came to rest in the 200 block of Paxton. This is a residential neighborhood along Bayou Blue. The suspect then exited the vehicle and attempted to flee arrest on foot and by hiding under a residence.

As agents continued to take the suspect in custody he resisted by force. The suspect continued to be combative and struck agents attempting to place him under arrest. One of the agents received injuries, as a result of the resistance and violence.

The suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was identified as Michael L. AMACKER (B/M, DOB 06/26/1980, with address' of 137 Prince Collins, 208 Polk St., and 501 Lake Long Drive Houma, La. 70360).

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AMACKER has an extensive arrest history. AMACKER has 12 previous arrests for drug law violations, four previous convictions for drug law violations, and has had his probation/parole violated multiple times.

As a result of the investigation, a search warrant for AMACKER's vehicle was obtained. During the course of the search Agents acquired over 6 ounces of suspected marijuana, approximately \$15,000.00 US currency (currency was neatly folded and separated), a digital measurement scale, a .40 caliber semi automatic handgun which had been reported stolen in the Houma Police Department area.

AMACKER was provided Acadian Ambulance and refused treatment. AMACKER was further brought to medical facility and was treated and released.

Agent receiving injuries was brought to medical facility treated for his injuries and released.

AMACKER was transported to TPCJC, placed under arrest for the following violations and is awaiting bond:

- 1) Violation of TPO 19 Loud Music
- 2) Violation of La. R.S. 14:108.1 Aggravated Flight from an officer
- 3) Violation of La. R.S.14:37.2 Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer
- 4) Violation of La. R.S. 14:108 Resisting by Violence
- 5) Violation of La. R.S. 32:411 No D.L. on Person
- 6) Violation of La. R.S. 40:966 (A)(1) Possession w/intent to Distribute CDS SCH I marijuana
- 7) Violation of La. R.S. 40:1049 Transactions involving proceeds from drug offenses
- 8) Violation of La. R.S. 14:95.1 Possession of Firearm by convicted felon
- 9) Violation of La. R.S. 14:95E Possession of Firearm in Presence of CDS
- 10) Violation of La. R.S. 14:69.1 Illegal Possession of stolen firearm

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