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Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois says that on September 4, 2010, Saturday at approximately 5:15 p.m. Terrebonne Parish deputies responded to the 100 block of Arcement St. Montegut in reference to a cruelty to animal complaint.

Deputies arrived at this location and contacted the owner of the dog who informed the deputies that she was walking her dog (Sara) around the block when her dog got away from her and ran towards some goats that were in the yard in the 100 block of Victor Lebouef St. She said that she ran into the yard behind her dog. She said that she grabbed her dog by the collar when the suspect walked up with a handgun and shot her dog in the chest. The victim said that she then brought her dog from that location to her residence where she (dog) died. Deputies obtained information that there were no persons or an animal injured during this incident; furthermore, there was not any potential danger to anyone after the owner had apprehended the dog.

A deputy arrested the suspect, Precious Ridenour, age-43, 122 Victor Lebouef St. Montegut for unlawful discharge of a firearm and felony cruelty to an animal. She was transported to the Terrebonne Parish Jail where she was booked and jailed; Ridenour bonded out of jail on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010.

Residents are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office in order to report matters such as a loose dog and not take matters into their own hands. The penalty for felony cruelty to animals carries jail time up to 10 years. Unlawful discharge of a firearm carries up to six month parish jail time.

Anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to call the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office, (985) 876-2500. All calls can remain anonymous.

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois