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Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office detectives investigated a shooting that was reported at 1:32 p.m. Monday, Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois said.

Deputies and detectives responded to 614 Highland Drive in west Houma after receiving a 911 call from a male caller reporting that he accidentally shot his friend.

Medical attention was performed on the victim by medics immediately, but the victim was soon pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim was identified as Ryan Scott, 19 of 614 Westview Drive. He died as a result of a single gunshot wound to the chest. Ryan lived there with his mother.

The suspect was identified as Blake Rolando, 19, of 703 Highland Drive. He was charged with one count of manslaughter and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The shooting incident occurred inside Scott's residence. According to Rolando, he found a 25 caliber handgun minutes before the shooting. He brought the gun into Scott's residence and while playing with the gun, accidentally fired it. The shot hit Scott, causing his death.

Although investigators deemed the shooting an accidental event, Rolando was a previously convicted felon and therefore unable to possess any handgun. Rolando was convicted in 2010 of simple burglary.