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NEWS RELEASE

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that on April 1, 2012, at approximately 2204 hours, patrol deputies responded to a medical call of a 24 year old male being unconscious and not breathing in the 200 block of Murray Hill Drive in Destrehan, Louisiana.

Upon arrival the victim, later identified as Stephan a. Arceneaux III, 5'10, 220 lbs w/m 06-03-87 of 9614 Red Church Lane Destrehan, LA) was being given CPR by his girlfriend.

According to witnesses, Arceneaux and his cousin, a 14 year old juvenile (5'6 110 lbs) were watching a pay-per-view wrestling event "Wrestlemania 28" and began to wrestle on an inflated mattress in front of the television. The juvenile placed his arm around Arceneaux's neck and began to squeeze, a move commonly known as a "rear naked choke hold." During the incident Arceneaux made the comment that he wouldn't give up or "tap out."

Witnesses stated that the juvenile had Arceneaux in that hold for approximately 30-40 seconds when someone noticed that Arceneaux was turning blue and told the juvenile to release the hold. Without hesitation the juvenile released the hold, at which time they realized Arceneaux had stopped breathing and called 911. Arceneaux was transported by ambulance to St. Charles hospital and shortly after he was pronounced dead.

Detectives are still investigating the incident. At this time, there are no arrests. An autopsy will be conducted in New Orleans today.