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News Release

*Captain Pat Yoes
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The person(s) whose name(s) appear in this release has/have been booked/cited for, not convicted of, the offense(s) shown. All accused persons should be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

August 24, 2010

ARRESTEE (Name, Age, Sex): Simmons, Jerry R., 47, M

ADDRESS: 220 Union Lane Montz, LA

CHARGE(S): Att. First Degree Murder, Resisting Arrest by Violence, Open Container, Battery of a Police Officer, Disarming Peace Officer, D.W.I. - 3rd offense, Poss. of Marijuana, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Criminal Damage Under \$500, Reckless Operation, DL Not on Person, Dogs on Tethers

PLACE OF ARREST: LA 48

DATE OF ARREST: 8-23-10/2255 hrs.

ITEM NO.: H-02301-10

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that the above subject was arrested after being stopped for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop the officer observed a pit bull loose in the back of the truck, at which time the officer requested Simmons to secure the dog inside of the vehicle to which he complied. Simmons was asked to perform a standarized field sobriety test, which he refused. As Simmons was being placed under arrest for suspicion of D.W.I. and traffic violations he began to resist arrest, at which time the pit bull jumped out of an open window and bit the officer. Simmons and the officer continued to struggle resulting in Simmons wrestling the officer's weapon away, but not before the officer rendered it inoperable. A local resident witnessed the incident and assisted the officer. Simmons was arrested and booked accordingly and is being held on a \$800,000 bond set by Judge Chaisson.