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DEPUTY SHOT WHILE WORKING SCHOOL ZONE

Today at approximately 8:50 AM Corporal Burt Hazeltine was working a traffic detail on U.S. 90 at the intersection of Louisiana Street in Paradis, Louisiana where he was assisting school buses in making safe turns off of Highway 90 for JB Martin Middle School.

John Paul Devillier, W/M, 10/23/56, residing at the Value Place Motel in Gulfport, MS was driving a 2014 Chevy Silverado West Bound on U.S. 90 attempting to turn on Louisiana Street. When the traffic cleared, he turned on to Louisiana Street and pulled in to the Time Saver parking lot and began to argue with Corporal Hazeltine. Devillier was upset because the deputy did not stop the traffic allowing him to turn.

The subject then went to his father's home only blocks away for a few minutes and then returned to Time Saver. While at his father's house and in route to Time Saver he called the Sheriff's Office to speak to the Sheriff at which time he spoke to the Chief Deputy. He advised that he was a NCIS agent and demanded to speak to the Sheriff and that the Sheriff report to the Time Saver at which time he hung up the phone. At the Time Saver he called for the deputy to come to his vehicle. As the deputy approached the truck he observed a weapon on the dash board. Cpl. Hazeltine immediately drew his service weapon and demanded he show his hands at which time the subject held the gun upside down out of the window while at the same time fired several shots at the deputy with a second gun in his right hand through the windshield. Although shot several times, Cpl. Hazeltine was able to return fire striking the subject's vehicle and radio in for assistance. Responding deputies confronted the subject sitting in his truck at which time he threw the weapons out of his vehicle. Deputies removed Deviller from his vehicle and took him into custody. Devillier is being charged with Attempted First Degree Murder of a Peace Officer, Battery of a Peace Officer (2cts.), and Resisting an Officer by Force.

Corporal Hazeltine was transported to University Hospital where he is listed in stable, but guarded condition. Hazeltine is a 12 year veteran with the St. Charles Sheriff's Office and is married with four children.