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NEWS RELEASE

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AVONDALE MAN ARRESTED AFTER DISCHARGING A FIREARM FOLLOWING A DISTURBANCE IN BOUTTE

On Friday, September 26, 2025, at approximately 7:30 a.m., deputies responded to a call in the 300 block of River Ridge Drive in Boutte, indicating that shots had been fired. When deputies arrived, they learned that 45-year-old Herbert Derkins III, of 172 Prairieview Court in Avondale, had burglarized the home of his ex-wife while armed with a handgun. The former spouse was away and received an alert from her camera system, and went to the apartment with her brother to see what was happening. Upon entering the apartment, Derkins appeared with a handgun. As the ex-wife and her brother ran from the apartment, Derkins fired a shot in their direction. Fortunately, no one was struck by the gunfire. This resulted in a large police presence, which alarmed the neighborhood.

Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Derkins, and he was subsequently arrested on October 2, 2025, in the 7800 Block of Gwen Street in Bridge City, Jefferson Parish, with the assistance of the United States Marshall Task Force, of which the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office is a member. He was later transported to the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center, where he faces charges of two counts of Attempted Second Degree Murder, one count of Resisting an Officer, and one count of Aggravated Burglary.

St. Charles Parish Chief Deputy Joe Ganote stated: "Anyone who thinks they can come into St. Charles Parish and fire off a weapon at people is badly misguided, and this will not be tolerated. They will be hunted down and brought to justice from wherever they can be found".



Herbert Derkins, III
8/5/1980

*All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.