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# News Release

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## **ARREST MADE ON VILLERE DRIVE INCIDENT**

Sheriff Champagne announces the arrest of Michael Woulfe for one count of Hit and Run (Misdemeanor), one count of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Battery (Felony), one count of Aggravated Burglary (Felony), one count of D.W.I. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense with a BAC of .20 or Greater (Misdemeanor), and one count of Reckless Operation with Accident (Misdemeanor).

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 just after 4:00 P.M, SCSO patrol deputies responded to a shooting that occurred in the 100 block of Villere Drive in Destrehan, Louisiana.

The incident began with a traffic crash on Ormond Boulevard just south of Villere Drive where a black Ford pickup truck driven by Michael Woulfe (51) of Destrehan, collided with a silver Mercedes driven by Walter Tabary (78), also of Destrehan.

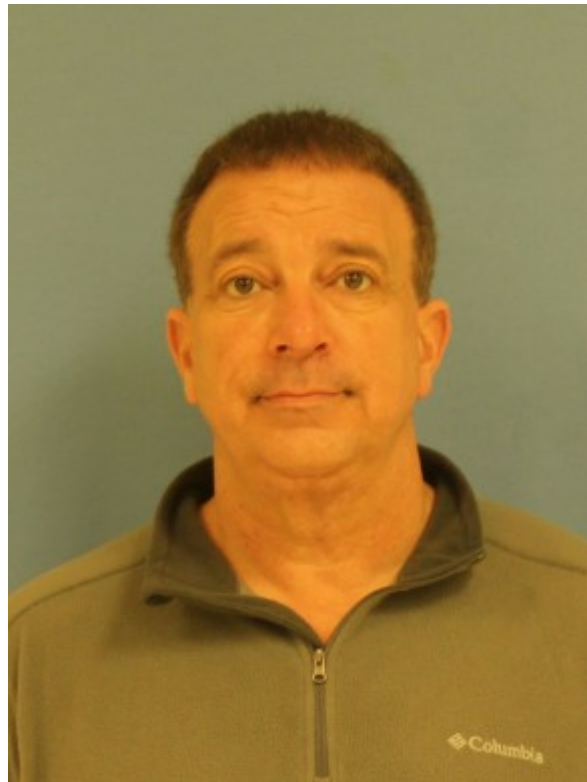
Woulfe did not stop after the crash and proceeded to his residence on Villere Drive. Tabary, with his wife in the vehicle, followed Woulfe to the residence while calling 911.

After a few minutes, Woulfe got out of his truck and approached Tabary's vehicle. He was obviously irate and approached in an aggressive manner. An altercation followed and subsequently, Tabary shot Woulfe in the abdominal area in self-defense. Woulfe retreated from Tabary's vehicle and obtained a crescent wrench in the garage and returned to Tabary's vehicle which was now locked. Knowing that Tabary was armed, Woulfe then smashed the window of Tabary's vehicle. He proceeded to unlock and open the door and began striking Tabary about the face breaking his nose. In self-defense Tabary again fired 3 more shots striking Woulfe in the abdominal again. Tabary was treated at the scene for his facial injuries by EMS. Woulfe was air lifted to University Hospital and after undergoing surgery, was later released.

After an extensive and through investigation including securing video footage of the events, it was determined that Woulfe was the aggressor and provoked Tabary to respond in self-defense.

On Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, Detectives presented and were granted an arrest warrant for Woulfe by 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Judge Timothy Marcel for the above listed charges. He was booked 1 hour later into the Nelson Coleman Correctional Facility.

Anyone with information on this incident is urged to call Detective Jenni Barrette with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office at (985) 783-6807 or (985) 783-1135.



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