



Chief of Police Murphy Paul

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ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED

EUGENE THOMAS JR., 34 of 2313 Thomas H. Delpit has been arrested today on charges of Attempt First Degree Murder (4cts), Attempt First Degree Murder of a Police Officer and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On February 11, 2018 around 10:45pm officers responded to a shots fired call at 2245 Thomas H. Delpit. Officers learned that THOMAS exited his sisters Mercedes and opened fire on his mother, sister, cousin and a friend of the sister while the four were occupying another vehicle. Around 11:00pm, an officer located the Mercedes in the 900 block of Lettsworth. As the officer approached in his fully marked police vehicle, THOMAS opened fire. Numerous rounds of gunfire struck the windshield and driver's door. The officer was rushed to a local hospital and is expected to survive his injuries. It is believed that the officer sustained injuries from shrapnel and glass fragments from the windshield.

Another officer observed the vehicle and after a brief chase; THOMAS stopped the vehicle in the 100 block of W.Harding and surrendered to officers.

THOMAS will be booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of Attempt First Degree Murder (4cts), Attempt First Degree Murder of a Police Officer and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

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