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ARREST MADE AFTER ASSAULTING OFFICERS

JOSHUA PARKER, 28 of 4201 Prescott Road was arrested this morning after assaulting Baton Rouge Police Officers with what appeared to be a black assault weapon. A uniformed officer, driving a marked police car, observed a black Chrysler 300 driving reckless in the 4200 block of Prescott Road. The vehicle was then observed driving over a curb and into a fence at 4201 Prescott. The officer observed PARKER exit the vehicle appearing agitated as he walked towards an apartment with what appeared to be a black assault weapon in hand.

Officers approached PARKER and instructed him to put down the weapon. PARKER refused the verbal commands given by officers as he continued to approach officers in an aggressive manner stating "Y'all are going to have to shoot me" as he pointed the weapon in all directions. Officers were finally able to convince PARKER to place the weapon on the ground. PARKER was then apprehended.

It was learned that PARKER had just physically abused his wife prior to coming in contact with officers, and that he wanted police to kill him. Officers later learned that the weapon that PARKER was brandishing turned out to be a pellet gun.

PARKER was later booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of Reckless Operation, Aggravated Assault on Police, Possession of Alcohol, Domestic Abuse Battery, Switched Plate and Expired MVI.

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