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NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE ARREST

LARRIANA HUGHES, 25 of 10109 Avenue B was arrested this morning and charged with Negligent Homicide in the shooting death of her boyfriend, CHRISTOPHER PAYNE, 27 of 10109 Avenue B.

Today around 12:30am Baton Rouge Police responded to 10109 Avenue B regarding a gunshot victim. Investigators learned that HUGHES had returned to the residence after receiving a text from PAYNE following an argument earlier in the day. HUGHES advised that as she arrived in the driveway she was immediately confronted by PAYNE who began to slap her in the face. PAYNE then grabbed a handgun from the vehicle, loaded it and then put it in HUGHES possession. PAYNE told her this was her chance to get rid of him. HUGHES mentioned that as she picked up the handgun to move it to the passenger seat PAYNE slapped her again causing her to accidentally discharge the handgun striking PAYNE in the torso area. HUGHES stated that the shooting was not out of self-defense or anger but strictly accidental.

PAYNE was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

HUGHES was later booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on the charge of Negligent Homicide.

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