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### ***Parolee Who Crashed During A Vehicle Pursuit And Fought Police, Was Found In Possession Of A Firearm And Drugs***

Thibodaux Chief of Police Bryan Zeringue announced the arrest of Rodney Reed (B/M, 34 of Thibodaux, La.) for Flight From An Officer, Illegal Carrying of A Weapon in the Presence of a CDS (Felony), No Seat Belt, Driving Under Suspension, Possession of A Firearm by Persons Convicted of Domestic Abuse Battery (Felony), Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (Felony), Possession of Marijuana 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense (Felony), Possession With Intent To Distribute Suboxone (Felony), No MVI, Resisting An Officer with Force Or Violence (Felony), Speeding 11-20 Miles Over, No Turn Signal, & Violation of Probation/Parole (Felony).

On Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at approximately 8:55 p.m., Officers of the Thibodaux Police Department attempted to stop a speeding vehicle near the intersection of Ridgefield Road and Candy Lane. The 1998, gold Nissan Maxima, led police on a short vehicle pursuit until eventually crashing in a ditch at the dead end of Henderson Street. The driver later identified as Rodney Reed, immediately bailed out the vehicle and led police on a foot pursuit. During the foot pursuit and apprehension, officers were forced to deploy a Taser several times in attempt to overcome Reed's combative intent and physical resistance toward officers as he was caught and being placed under arrest.

Reed's pants which fell off during the struggle were found to contain a small amount of marijuana and a 9mm Handgun. Reed was also found to be in possession of multiple packages of Suboxone on his person. Reed has an extensive criminal history, including prior marijuana charges, being a convicted felon and being on supervised parole within Lafourche Parish until 2020.

Reed was transported to a local hospital for injuries sustained during the crash, in which he was not wearing his seatbelt. Reed was later released and transported to the Lafourche Parish Detention Center, where he remains on a \$54,600.00 Bond and a No Bond Hold for Probation & Parole.

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