

Home Invasion – October 11, 2014



Just after 2am Saturday (Oct 11th) morning OPD officers were called to go out to the 1300 block of Attakapas Dr in regards to a home invasion. Officers were immediately dispatched as the caller continued to inform the dispatcher what was taking place. The dispatcher relayed to officers that the suspect was a black male approximately 6ft tall. The caller also stated that his 87 year old grandfather confronted the suspect with a shotgun after he made entry into the home. The suspect then pulled the gun away from his grandfather who then fell to the floor and suffered injuries to both arms; then fled the home and met several arriving patrol officers.

Officers arrived on scene to find four people one of which was the injured grandfather out of the residence. They informed the officers that they believed the suspect was still inside the residence and was in possession of their grandfather's unloaded shotgun. After realizing that all the residents of the home were not accounted for officers were informed that one of the residents, an adult female, was probably still in the residence with the suspect. Officers were then given an area of the home where the suspect may have been hiding; therefore, four officers immediately entered the home and preceded to the back bedroom. An officer kicked in the door and immediately heard screams from a female hiding in a closet as well as the suspect lying on his back holding a shotgun up towards the ceiling. The gun was immediately taken from the suspect, the female was escorted out of the residence as officers gained control of the suspect and placed him in handcuffs. The suspect was identified as 44 year old Perry Tyler of 828 St Cyr St. Opelousas. He told the officers thank you after he was taken into custody. Tyler's behavior was consistent with someone being under the influence of PCP, he was wet and told officers that they, unsure who they was, were after him.

Tyler is charged with Home Invasion, Battery of the Infirm, and Resisting an Officer. Tyler will go before a magistrate on Monday morning.

I commend the caller for staying calm and providing as much detail as possible, for the dispatcher who relayed the information to responding officers, and to the officers who entered the home to protect the female hiding inside, although it was clear the suspect was armed with a shotgun.

The 87 year old grandfather was treated and released from Opel Gen ER for bruises to his arms.