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Ruston woman, son apprehended following shooting


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Ruston police arrested a mother and son following a drive-by shooting Thursday night.


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Jeanette Parker Lewis, 48, of Ruston was charged with assault by drive-by shooting, two counts of aggravated assault, aggravated battery, simple battery and simple criminal damage to property. Her son Christopher Gullory, 23, of Ruston, was charged with simple battery.

According to a Ruston Police Department news release, officers were dispatched to Garr Avenue around 8:40 p.m. in reference to a disturbance.

In the course of an investigation, police said they determined Lewis was involved in an altercation on Garr Avenue and was reported to have battered a female at a residence with a semi-automatic handgun.

As Lewis was leaving the area with her son, police said she fired a shot from her vehicle that struck a vehicle parked at the Garr Avenue residence.

Officers located Lewis' vehicle parked at a residence at 1502 W. Kentucky Ave. and saw her run to the back of the residence upon their arrival. The release said after officers failed to make contact with Lewis, they secured a perimeter around the residence and called out members of the SWAT team to the scene.

Ruston Police crisis negotiators were called to the scene and contacted Lewis through a loud speaker. She eventually came to the door and surrendered herself to SWAT members who took her into custody.

SWAT team members then cleared the residence and found Gullory hiding inside. The release said

he was taken into custody without incident.

Investigators executed a search warrant for the residence and found a 9-mm handgun suspected to be the weapon Lewis used in the drive-by shooting.

Both were Lewis and Gullory transported to Lincoln Parish Detention Center for booking.

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