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Update Information on Two Suspects Fatally Wounded & Four Others Wounded

New Orleans, La. – This morning, members of the New Orleans Police Department have issued an update regarding the attempted murder of a Deputy Sheriff with the St. Landry Parish Sheriff Office, as well as seven (7) members of the New Orleans Police Department. The incident culminated into the shooting of six (6) people, two of which were fatal. The ordeal occurred September 4, 2005, at approximately 9:00 a.m., on the Danziger Bridge, located in the 5800 block of Chef Menteur Highway, near Downman Road.

New Orleans Police Officers, Sergeant Robert Gisevius and Kenneth Bowen, along with Officers Robert Faulcon, Robert Barrios, Anthony Villavaso, Michael Hunter and Ignatius Hills, all responded to a call for assistance, two (2) officers “down”, under the Danziger Bridge.

Simultaneously, Deputy Sheriff David Ryder of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office requested immediate assistance from the New Orleans Police Department because he and volunteer rescue personnel (with boats) were receiving gunfire from several persons on the same bridge.

As the officers drove into the area they were met with gunfire from, at least four (4) suspects at the base of the bridge. The officers positioned themselves and began an exchange of gunfire. The gunmen, along with three (3) other persons, totaling seven (7), jumped over the side of the concrete barrier onto a walkway, approximately 3 feet high, and continued the exchange of gunfire, when five (5) persons were shot by officers.

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