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Alleged Domestic Abuser Escapes

A Guymon man who escaped from police and cut his handcuffs after being arrested for allegedly hitting his girlfriend is now behind bars.

According to a report in the Guymon Daily Herald, Quintin M. Parish, of Guymon was arrested on July 19, 2009, at his residence. According to the Affidavit for Probable Cause located at the Texas County Court Clerk's Office, Parish allegedly struck his girlfriend on the right side of her head and on her right eye. The victim and Parish agreed that an altercation occurred after Parish woke her up and asked her to make coffee. The victim refused, and alleges Parish jumped on top of her and started hitting her.

The victim also advised the Guymon Police Department (GPD) that their two month old baby was in the room at the time of the incident. After the altercation, Parish allegedly took the baby and told the victim to leave the residence, that is when she left and called the police.

According to the Affidavit, while the GPD officer was speaking to the victim, Parish began yelling that the victim was a liar. The officer then told Parish to be quiet and he would speak to him after speaking with the victim. After Parish continued yelling, the officer then advised him that he was under arrest for domestic violence. The officer then placed Parish in the back seat of the patrol car.

The officer then went to speak with the victim, but she did not want to write a statement or press charges. The officer photographed the victim's injuries and then spoke with Parish, who denied that he hit his girlfriend. According to the suspect they were simply arguing.

The officer went to speak with Parish's mother who was also at the residence. It was then that another officer came to inform the investigating officer that Parish had escaped from the vehicle and was running on foot. The officer began to run after him and once Parish turned a corner, the officer lost visual contact. Other GPD officers and one Oklahoma Highway Patrol Officer were radioed and assisted with the search. Parish was later allegedly running through yards and jumping over fences. He was finally apprehended five blocks away and placed in another patrol car to be transported to the police department.

At the police department, Parish explained that he woke up for work and asked his girlfriend to make him a cup of coffee. Parish said that his girlfriend then flipped him off and uttered curse words. He said he then tried to talk to his girlfriend but she allegedly kept cussing him out, threatened to get her family members after him and get him sent back to prison. That's when Parish says he told her to leave.

According to the affidavit, Parish escaped from the police car through the sliding window on the cage partition. He crawled through the window and escaped out the passenger door. He then got the handcuffs off by cutting them off in someone's shed with a pair of bolt cutters. When asked why Parish ran, he told the officer that he was scared and confused and did not want to get

arrested because if he got arrested again he would be sent to prison.

According to District Court Records, Parish and the victim have both been arrested numerous times in the past on domestic abuse charges.

Parish's bond is set at

$7,500 with the condition that he has no contact with the victim. He is currently at the Texas County

Detention Center facing charges of assault and battery (domestic violence), escape or attempt to escape from arrest or detention and malicious injury or destruction of property.

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