

# City of Gulfport News Release

Police Department PIO

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*Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:*

Case #: 10-001159

On January 12, 2010, the Gulfport Police Department charged 27 year old Chad Eric Barber of Gulfport with attempted aggravated assault on a police officer. Barber was already in custody for burglary of a school.

The attempted assault occurred on January 10, 2010, at approximately 10:48 p.m. when officers responded to the report of an alarm activation at Central Elementary located at 1043 Pass Road. Upon arrival officers found a point of entry and located Barber hiding inside the building. As Gulfport Police Officer Gregory Peleaz attempted to arrest Barber for the burglary in progress, Barber resisted the arrest by use of a weapon. Officer Peleaz fired one round striking Barber. Barber was then taken into police custody and subsequently transported to Memorial Hospital at Gulfport via American Medical Response.

Barber was already under a bond of \$50,000 set by Justice Court Judge Gene Dedeaux. The underlying facts and circumstances concerning the attempted aggravated assault on a police officer were presented to Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray. He issued a warrant for Barber with a bond of \$100,000.00. Upon being released from the hospital Barber will be transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility in lieu of bond.

Approved for release by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: January 10, 2010

***"Building a safer Gulfport together"***

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