

# City of Gulfport News Release

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*Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:*

Case #: 10-021110/10-021103

On June 10, 2010, the Gulfport Police Department arrested 28 year old black female Katryna Martin of Gulfport and charged her with one count of exploitation of a child and one count of aggravated assault.

The Gulfport Police Department received information that Martin was to meet a juvenile female at an apartment in the 9200 block of Cuandet Road for the purpose of sex. Officers responded to the scene and attempted to arrest Martin as she fled; she entered her vehicle and accelerated at a high rate of speed towards officers. A Harrison County Investigator who was assisting in the investigation fired one round. as she sped towards Detectives. After the shot was fired; Martin stopped her vehicle and was placed into custody.

Martin a former teacher at Harrison Central 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> was arrested in March 2009 for statutory rape. Martin was released on a GPS monitoring system and was to have no contact with the victim which she was attempting to meet on June 10, 2010.

Martin was incarcerated at the Harrison County Adult Detention Center in lieu of a \$1,000,000.00 bond (\$500,000.00 per charge) set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Gene Dedeaux.

The investigation is ongoing.



Katryna Martin

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