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**High Speed Chase Ends in Crash/Arrest:
East Jefferson Levee District Police and Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office
Team Up**

New Orleans, La. - The Flood Protection Authority – East's East Jefferson Levee District Police (EJLD) were involved in a high-speed chase after a traffic stop of a vehicle with an expired license plate. An EJLD Officer stopped the vehicle in the 4200 block of South Drive in Jefferson Parish. The female driver sped away and was immediately pursued by the EJLD unit and a Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO) patrol car.

The two units pulled the driver over at the intersection of the I-10 Service Road and Lake Ave. in Metairie where the driver once again sped away hitting the EJLD officer in the leg. He sustained no injuries and, along with the JPSO unit, pursued the vehicle as it weaved in and out of traffic, finally crashing into the JPSO unit at the intersection of Carrollton Ave. and Airline Drive near Costco.

The officers apprehended her and she was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries. The JPSO officer was not injured. The officers found a bag of heroin in her vehicle, which was confirmed as such by the JPSO Crime Scene lab. The woman's name is not being released at this time. She also has an attachment for her arrest for theft.

Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer of the Flood Protection Authority-East says, "We are proud of the excellent work by our EJLD officer and the partnership we have with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. I am also pleased that there were no major injuries."

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