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On the afternoon of September 19, 2016, an ACSO deputy observed a motorcycle parked on the side of the road that appeared to have been tampered with. When the deputy ran the VIN, dispatch advised the motorcycle was reported stolen. While waiting for a tow truck, a vehicle approached the deputy that he recognized as being the same one John Barr was driving when he arrested him in the past. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle and was almost run over when the driver sped away. As the deputy was giving chase, passenger John Barr jumped from the vehicle and ran into the woods.

Additional units arrived and the truck was located at a residence on Liberty Rd. The driver was identified as Russell Hazlip and he was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer and later charged with Possession of Stolen Property. Brandi Hardie who was a passenger was transported to NPD on an outstanding warrant. During the inventory of the vehicle prior to it being towed, a hand held radio was found. This radio was reported stolen from ACSO in 2015 during the previous administration. There were also other items believed to be stolen which led to a search warrant being obtained for Hazlip's residence on Maplewood Ln. Several items were taken from the residence that are believed to be stolen along with marijuana seeds, drug paraphernalia, a weapon and surveillance equipment.

Concordia Parish sent their K-9 officer to assist in the search for Barr. An alert citizen spotted Barr coming out of the bayou in the area of Margaret Ave. and notified ACSO. Deputies were able to secure the area and Barr was taken into custody after he got into a vehicle trying to leave the area. Barr was arrested on his outstanding warrants for Burglary and Possession of Stolen Property.

This is just another example of how people who are involved in property crimes are also involved in drug crimes. It takes communication between all the departments within the Sheriff's Office, surrounding agencies, and help from the community to solve these crimes.