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LPPD files felony charge in SH 225 Road Rage Case



Amanda Downs
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Just after 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 the La Porte Police Department received information that a white female, driving a red Silverado pickup truck, pointed a gun at the victim in an apparent road rage incident. The victim captured an image of the driver holding what appears to be a handgun, while they were both traveling on State Highway 225. This was the second report of a road rage incident, identifying a similar time, location and description of the suspect and vehicle in the La Porte area. The previous episode was reported in the month of July 2017.

The LPPD Criminal Investigations Division recognized the case was nearly identical to a previously reported case and immediately went to work. Detectives canvassing the area were able to locate the suspect and her vehicle two days later parked in a nearby industrial park. The suspect was identified as 25 year old Amanda Downs, of Baytown Texas. Downs confessed to both reported incidents, surrendering what turned out to be a large folding knife cast in the shape of a handgun.

As a result of the investigation the Harris County District Attorney's Office accepted the charge of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

The La Porte Police Department wants to remind the motoring public that Road Rage can quickly escalate to the point where a person is seriously injured or killed. If you are a victim of



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Road Rage, call 911 and immediately begin driving toward the nearest police station or public place.