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**LPPD female charged with aggravated assault with deadly weapon
during domestic disturbance**



Jessica Payne
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Just after 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 30th, 2018 the La Porte Police Department received a 911 call about a road rage incident in the 1500 block of W. Fairmont Parkway. The caller reported two vehicles crashing into one another in a business parking lot.

LPPD officers were immediately dispatched and arrived in the area to find a domestic disturbance in progress. The suspect identified as 42-year-old Jessica Payne, of Elgin Texas, had allegedly, deliberately crashed her vehicle into the victim's car. When officers made contact with Payne, she was in possession of a knife and was refusing to obey officers' commands. Officers safely subdued Payne through the deployment of a Taser. Payne was taken into custody without further incident or injury to herself, responding officers or citizens.

As a result of the investigation, the Harris County District Attorney's Office accepted the charge of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Payne was arrested and subsequently transported to the Harris County Jail on a "No Bond," where she awaits her day in court.

The La Porte Police Department wants to remind the public of the dangers surrounding Domestic Violence. Please call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) 24-Hour National Domestic Violence Hotline TDD 1-800-787-3224 or go to www.ndvh.org, for additional information and assistance. If your life is in danger get out and call 911. Do not wait until it is too late.