

Taser prevents local from serious injury

Sheriff Benny DeLoach announces that on Saturday, July 28, 2001 the new non-lethal Taser gun prevented a serious injury or death of a person. He and two of his officers answered a call reference a mentally ill subject who was causing trouble. Upon arrival a stick was taken from the subject. The subject's caretaker talked with him and thought the situation was under control and advised the subject to go into the house. The subject went into the house and came back with a butcher knife. The Taser was used and the subject was apprehended without any physical injuries. Sheriff DeLoach said that if his officers had not had the Taser, a deadly force weapon would have had to be used, resulting in serious injury or even death.