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### **Flint man arrested for domestic assault**

**MT. PLEASANT, Mich.** – On Jan. 12, 2017 at approximately 10:45 a.m., the Mt. Pleasant Police responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Lyons Street following a 911 hang-up call. The home had a history of domestic violence calls. Prior to the officers' arrival, the suspect fled the scene.

The suspect and victim were in a vehicle by the victim's residence. Jeffrey Barnes, a 35-year-old Flint man, got angry with the victim, a 32-year-old Mt. Pleasant woman, with whom he had a domestic relationship. Barnes exited the vehicle and walked away. The victim was still in the vehicle when Barnes hit the vehicle with a shovel. Barnes went to the front porch, grabbed some kittens and threw them into a snow bank.

The victim attempted to call 911 when Barnes took her phone. A struggle ensued between Barnes and the victim. A roommate – a 31-year-old Mt. Pleasant woman – saw the altercation and yelled that she was calling the police. The roommate closed the door and locked it. Barnes went to the house, kicked the front door in, took the roommate's phone and assaulted the roommate.

The suspect returned to the victim, pushed her down to the ground and went through her pockets in an attempt to take her key to the vehicle. The suspect took the victim's prescription medication and left the scene. While walking away from the scene, the suspect broke both victims' phones.

Officers canvassed the area for the suspect and found him on the railroad tracks near Cherry Street. The suspect would not comply with officers' requests and became aggressive towards them. The suspect advanced at officers with clinched fists and assumed a fighting stance. He yelled at the officers while stripping layers of clothing. The suspect charged one of the officers and the officer deployed a Taser. A struggle ensued between the officers and the suspect. Eventually, the suspect was taken into custody.

Barnes was lodged at the Isabella County Jail. Barnes was arraigned January 13, 2017, on charges of Home-Invasion (Felony 20 years); Larceny from the person (Felony 10 years); Interfering with electronic communications (Felony 2 years); Controlled substance-possession (Felony 2 years); Police Officer-assaulting/resisting/obstructing (Felony 2 years); Police Officer-assaulting/resisting/obstructing (Felony 2 years); Police Officer-assaulting/resisting/obstructing (Felony 2 years); Animal-cruelty (Felony 2 year); Malicious destruction of building (Misdemeanor 93 days); Malicious destruction of personal property (Misdemeanor 93 days); Assault (Misdemeanor 93 days). Bond has been set at \$110,000/ten percent. Barnes is still currently lodged at the Isabella County Sheriff's Department.

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