

Local arrested for death threat

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A Minden man was arrested in Claiborne Parish on an Arkansas warrant after he allegedly threatened to kill someone over rental equipment.

James R. Cannon, 54, of Minden, was arrested Tuesday, June 17, by Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Detective Lt. Randy Pugh on the warrant issued for terroristic threats, first degree. On Friday, June 20, he was extradited to Union County, Arkansas, by the El Dorado Police Department. Cannon later bonded out on a \$25,000 bond.

According to the El Dorado police report, Officer J.G. Crain received a complaint from the owner of Vines Equipment in Shongaloo, located in Webster Parish. The owner advised Crain that Cannon — who owns Marine Pile Drivers in Homer — had been renting equipment from him for approximately two years, but Cannon was regularly late on paying the monthly rental fee, sometimes falling behind two to three months.

Because of Cannon's payment history, the owner of Vines Equipment decided to repossess the equipment in question, the police report stated.

On Tuesday, June 3, the owner, along with Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Deputies, went to Marine Pile Drivers and repossessed the equipment.

At approximately 5 p.m. that same day, Cannon called the owner at his place of business located in El Dorado. The victim stated Cannon was angry about the repossession and threatened to kill him if the equipment was not returned. The victim also stated that Cannon made contact with another Vines Equipment employee, threatening that employee as well, according to the report.

"That incident was reported to another agency," the report said. "Vines stated that other of his employees [sic] had been threatened by Cannon in the past."

Captain Billy White of the El Dorado Police Department later contacted the Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Department's Criminal Investigations Division with the warrant information and Pugh picked up Cannon and transported him to the Claiborne Parish Detention Center, awaiting extradition.

His arraignment, or "first appearance," was made on Friday, June 20, in the Union County Circuit Court, 13th District. His next court appearance has not been set yet.

First degree terror threats are considered a Class D felony, and if convicted, Arkansas Criminal Code states Cannon could face no more than six years imprisonment, fine not exceeding \$10,000.