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## For Immediate Release

### Re: Shooting (Suspect-James Barber)

**On Tuesday- September 24, 2013 at approx. 9:00 pm Mansfield Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Church Street in regards to a shooting. Upon Officers arrival they discovered a female victim, identified as Ezarline Hubbard, who had been shot in the back with a shotgun. Hubbard was transported to LSU Medical Center where she was admitted with non- life threatening injuries.**

**The victim's live-in boyfriend, James Barber , 73 year old black male of Mansfield, was identified as the suspect but was gone upon Officers arrival. A warrant has been obtained for Barber for Attempted Second Degree Murder. Barber has an extensive criminal history dating back to 1983 when he was charged with Second Degree Murder and pled guilty to Manslaughter. He also has arrest in 1992 for Aggravated Battery with a dangerous weapon and property damage; 2009 Domestic Abuse Battery; 2010 Domestic Abuse Battery and Attempted second Degree Murder. Anyone with information on Barbers whereabouts is urged to contact Mansfield Crime Stoppers at 318-872-8888 or Mansfield Police at 318-872-0520. All information will remain confidential.**

### *Gary Hobbs*

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