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News Advisory

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Former EBRSO Prison Employee Arrested for Battery

A former employee with the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office was arrested today for Second Degree Battery and Malfeasance in Office.

Brent Ashley Rideau, 32, was employed with the Sheriff's Office from August 2008 until August 2013 working security at the parish prison.

According to reports, on August 16, 2013 Rideau allegedly punched an inmate being booked for disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. The inmate stated he was drunk and was being loud and cursing and yelling racially charged language at Rideau. Rideau then allegedly punched the inmate in the face rendering him unconscious. The inmate was then transported to the hospital for a broken nose and fractured face.

Once made aware of the incident, the prison conducted an investigation of Rideau's actions. Rideau was terminated on August 29, 2013 as a result of the incident. EBRSO detectives began a criminal investigation of the incident and after locating witnesses and obtaining statements were able to obtain an arrest warrant today. Rideau turned himself in to detectives this afternoon without incident and will be booked into parish prison on the above listed charges.

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