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"DNA CONVICTION"



James Stubblefield age 54
Opelousas, La. 70570

From: The Opelousas Police Dept. (Chief Perry Gallow)

The Opelousas Police Dept. is pleased to report that another cold case has been closed as a result of the recent advancements in DNA evidence detection and identification techniques. James Stubblefield age 54 of Opelousas was convicted by a jury in Opelousas after less than twenty minutes of deliberation. Mr. Stubblefield was convicted of Aggravated Rape, and is facing a possible life sentence. The case began when officers with the Opelousas Police Dept. investigated a reported rape back in 1994. The case initially went unsolved until the Acadiana crime lab contacted the Opelousas Police Dept. to indicate that a DNA match had been made in the case almost ten years later, a follow up investigation conducted by veteran Detective Lt. Dwain Grimmatt resulted in the arrest of Mr. Stubblefield in 2008. He was at that time, serving a sentence for a previous aggravated burglary conviction. The combined efforts of the forensic staff of the Acadiana Crime lab, the St. Landry Parish District Attorney's office, and the Opelousas Police Dept. has taken this dangerous predator off the streets of Opelousas. The Opelousas Police Dept. will continue to use every tool at its disposal in bring these very dangerous criminals to justice. As always I would like to request that any citizen with information regarding any crime contact the Opelousas Police Department at (337) 948-2500, crimetips@opelousaspd.com all calls will be kept anonymous.

Contact Chief Perry Gallow to obtain any additional information.