

**OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE**

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



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The Opelousas Police Department arrested Jennifer York of 530 7th St. Eunice La. over the weekend after officers received information which led them to a local Opelousas hotel. Upon officers arrival they were surprised when they found 39 yr. old Jennifer York in possession of a variety of drugs which included Crack Cocaine, Oxycodin, Clonazepam, and Adderall. If this wasn't enough officers were caught by surprise when they also discovered that Jennifer York had in her possession some Black Tar Heroin. A drug seldom seen in this area, but reports of the drug making its way to these parts of the country is on a rise. As the demand for such a drug rises in these parts of the country. The more law enforcement will be faced with interdiction methods preventing it from hitting out streets. According to Chief Perry Gallow "the Black Tar Heroin that Jennifer York had in her possession was transported here from the Dallas Forth Worth area. "This drug is a nasty highly addictive substance that has the means of destroying the user at a rapid speed." Heroin is an illegal, highly addictive opiate drug. Its abuse is more widespread than any other opiate. Heroin is processed from morphine, a naturally occurring substance extracted from the seed pod of certain varieties of poppy plants. It is typically sold as a white or brownish powder or as the black sticky substance known on the streets as "black tar heroin."

One of the most detrimental side effects of heroin, is heroin addiction itself. Heroin addiction is a chronic problem, characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, and by neurochemical and molecular changes in the brain. As with abusers of any addictive drug, heroin addicts gradually spend more and more time and energy obtaining and using the drug. Once they are addicted, the heroin abusers'

primary purpose in life becomes seeking and using heroin. Heroin literally changes their brains.

Jennifer York also had in her possession paraphernalia commonly used to cook and shoot up the drugs. She had spoons, syringes and a crack pipe in her room. Officers also confiscated over \$2100 in U.S. currency from York. The estimated street value of the drugs confiscated was approximately \$3000. Jennifer York is currently being held in the Opelousas City Jail on a \$41,500 Bond. She was charged with Possession w/intent to Distribute Heroin; Possession w/intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine; Possession of Schedule II (Opana Era); Possession of Clonazepam; Possession of Oxycodine; and Possession of Adderall. Chief Perry Gallow would like to thank the public for their cooperation in contacting this agency with drug information. "Together we will make a difference."

Anyone with information of criminal activity is asked to contact the Opelousas Police Department at 337-948-2500, or crimetips@opelousaspd.com all calls will be kept anonymous.

Contact Public Information Officer Darren Zachary to obtain any additional information @337-351-1930.