

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

According to Chief Perry Gallow, the Opelousas Police Department have identified a fake check ring, after local businesses in this area have seen a rash of counterfeit checks being cashed. The counterfeiters are making computer generated payroll checks with local business names on them. These checks are then being cashed at other local businesses. The victims of these crimes are small business owners. Approximately \$4000.00 worth of counterfeit checks has been cashed by Opelousas businesses. "This money is coming straight out of the pockets of local business owners said Chief Gallow."

Chief Gallow stated that Detectives with the Special Operation Division of the Opelousas Police Department are currently investigating the matter. "This appears to be a very sophisticated check fraud ring with ties leading all the way to Oklahoma." Detectives obtained two Felony warrants for Ms. Ashley Prejean of 107 Patton St. Sunset La., for Monetary Instrument Abuse. Ms. Prejean was taken into custody with the assistance of the Sunset Police Department. She is currently being held in the Opelousas City Jail. Other area law enforcement agencies also have Ms. Prejean under investigation.



Ms. Prejean

Individuals identified thus far are Mr. Quinton Nunn of Lafayette La. who is currently being held in the Iberville Parish Jail on a felony warrant from the Opelousas Police Department for Monetary Instrument Abuse.

Mr. Nunn is currently awaiting extradition to Opelousas. Detectives have identified several other individuals that are connected to this group.



Jacqueline Young

They have been identified as Jacqueline Young of 2145 South 74th East Ave. Tulsa, Oklahoma, Louis Bartholomew of 505 Scotsdale St. Lafayette La. 70506 and Larrisha Wilson of 327 E. Apache Place, Tulsa Oklahoma.



Louis Bartholomew

Felony warrants have been obtained for their arrest also. According to Chief Gallow "these types of crimes have a direct affect on our economy. Local Business owners take serious loss as a result of these individuals. "My agency along with the cooperation of other surrounding Police departments in the Acadiana area will work to bring these individuals to justice."

Anyone with information of the whereabouts of the above individuals 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.