

**OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE**

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

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The Opelousas Police Department is searching for Herman Rosette Jr. Age (19) of 340 Common St. Opelousas La. after he forced a 16 year old female into a car which led Police to begin an area wide search. According to Chief Perry Gallow “a call came into the Opelousas Police Department at 8:49 P.M. from the mother of the 16 year old stating that a man in a white Buick Road Master pulled her 16 year old daughter into his vehicle.

Officers in the area immediately responded and were able to locate the vehicle near Railroad Avenue traveling at a high rate of speed. The suspect vehicle then ran through an intersection almost head on to a Police Cruiser causing an accident at Landry St with another vehicle. The subject then bailed out of the vehicle and ran into a residential area.

The Opelousas Police Department then called in their K-9’s to track the suspect but was unsuccessful in capturing him. The 16 year old female was found walking in a nearby neighborhood. She stated that Rosette made her get out the vehicle prior to the officers closing in on him and prior to the accident.

The driver of the vehicle that was involved in the accident was transported to Opelousas General Hospital and was later released.

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UPDATE:

HERMAN ROSETTE JR. just turned himself in at the Opelousas Police Department. Rosette will be booked into the Opelousas City Jail on charges of Simple Kidnapping. A charge that carries up to a five thousand dollar fine and be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both. Chief Perry Gallow would like to thank the public for calling in with information that assisted in Rosette turning himself in.



Anyone with information of the whereabouts of Herman Rosette Jr. 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.