

**OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE**

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

The Opelousas Police Department Crime Suppression Team arrested Kevin Colman of 328 E. Franklin St. Opelousas Louisiana over the weekend following a traffic stop which yielded approximately 1 liter of (Lean) a common street drug consisting of Promethazene w/codeine.



Kevin Coleman

The drug also known on the streets as Syrup first got attention a few years ago when a popular Houston based DJ overdosed on the drug. Officers on the streets are finding the drug mixed w/sprite. A pint of promethazene w/codeine is selling between \$250 to \$350 on the streets. The Drank as it's called has a purple color to it, which comes from the dye in the cough syrup. Purple Drank is a slang term for a cough syrup cocktail made with prescription strength cough syrup containing codeine and promethazine, Sprite or Mountain Dew, and Jolly Rancher candy served in a cup with crushed ice.

This drug causes severe problems when abused and can lead to Respiratory Depression and Cardiac Arrest. The drug has been linked to three deaths in the hip-hop community. DJ Screw, Big Moe and Pimp C. These three deaths all were linked to Promethazene with Codeine. The drug is known to put the user in a slow sleepy state.

This drug is commonly prescribed by doctors when treating cough and other upper respiratory Symptoms caused by allergies or colds.

Kevin Coleman who also has an extensive criminal history of drug possession was booked into the Opelousas City Jail on charges of Possession of Schedule III drugs, No License plate light, Criminal Damage to property and Distribution of Schedule II Drugs. Officers also seized \$1789.00 in currency from Coleman and a 2004 Range Rover.

Anyone with any drug activity is asked to contact the Opelousas Police Department at 337-948-2500

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