

Opelousas Police Dept. Press Release



Armed Robbery Arrest

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

On November 07, 2010 officers with the Opelousas Police Department investigated a reported Armed Robbery that took place at the Step-N-Strut Trail Ride event this pass weekend. Officers spoke to the victim(s) that were in town for the event. According to the victim(s) a light skinned black male and a short dark skinned black male asked the victim for a ride to the camping area of the event. The victim assisted the individuals by giving them a ride on his ATV. Once they reached the camping area located near Rainbow Drive the light skinned black male pulled a chrome automatic handgun, placed it to the side of the victim's head and demanded that the victim give them the ATV. The victim stated both of the subjects got on the ATV and rode towards the wood line near the I-49 Service Road. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects or the ATV. Later that night the Opelousas Police Department received a complaint of a crash involving an ATV. Upon officers arrival they located a green ATV flipped on top of a guide wire. Investigators with Special Operations Division after following leads were able to identify Brandon Savoy, 17 of 425 South Academy St. Opelousas La. as the operator of the ATV at the time of the crash. Investigators along with patrol officers were led to a residence on Laurent St. in Opelousas where patrol officers were able to locate and arrest Brandon Savoy.

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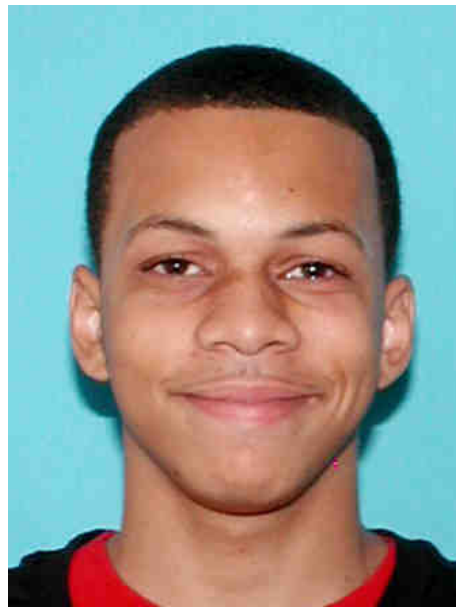


Investigators were able to gather enough evidence to conclude that Mr. Savoy was one of the suspects involved in the Armed Robbery. Brandon Savoy was subsequently arrested on charges of Armed Robbery and is currently being held in the Opelousas City Jail on a Formal Application. The ATV was able to be returned to the owner. This investigation is still ongoing and more arrest(s) are pending. I appreciate the assistance of the public in this investigation and although I am not pleased with what took place, I am certainly pleased with the outcome and the timely arrest. It's just another demonstration of the police department and the citizens working hand in hand to continue making Opelousas safe. I will not tolerate such a violent crime in our city and will have my investigators and patrol officers relentlessly seeking out the people who commit them, and then I'll do my best as chief to see that they remain behind bars. I will continue my efforts to make Opelousas the safest city.

Again Chief would like to thank everyone who has given information that has assisted his department with this and other investigations. Anyone with information about a crime is asked to contact the Opelousas Police Department at (337) 948-2500 or St. Landry Crime Stoppers at (337) 948-8477 all calls will be kept anonymous.

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Contact Chief Perry Gallow for any additional information.

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