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# Federal Conviction



From: Chief Perry Gallow

The Opelousas Police Dept in conjunction with the Gulf Coast HIDTA DEA Task Force is announcing that Mr. Don Paul **“DUKE”** Jackson of Opelousas has been convicted on Federal Drug trafficking charges. The conviction is the result of the joint efforts between the Opelousas Dept., and the D.E.A. targeting major drug traffickers in and around the Opelousas area. The Opelousas Police Dept has an officer assigned to the GULF COAST H.I.D.TA. DEA TASK FORCE to work with the group in targeting higher level narcotics traffickers in and around the Opelousas area. Mr. Don Paul Jackson was indicted on July 14, 2009 in U.S. District court, Western District of Louisiana on Federal Drug trafficking Charges. Mr. Jackson at the time of his indictment was already in state custody and serving time for several violent offenses of which he plea bargained to early this year. Mr. Jackson has an extensive criminal history dating back to 1986. He was considered to be a major narcotics trafficker moving multiple kilos of cocaine, and was an offender with violent background. Mr. Jackson had previously served time for a federal drug trafficking conviction in the early 90's. Mr. Jackson was convicted today on the distribution of more than 50grams of crack cocaine. Mr. Jackson's conviction on today will serve as a major blow to narcotics trafficking in the Opelousas area. Mr. Jackson's conviction could leave him facing from twenty-years to life in prison. This is the fourth major conviction in the

**past (7) months. This should be another warning to anyone who is involved in the illegal drug trade, severe consequences could and will be forth coming if they chose to stay in the “Game”. “Get out now while you still have your freedom”. This is another major drug dealer removed from the streets of Opelousas by the dedicated members of the Opelousas Police Dept, who are relentless in their fight against illegal drug trafficking.**

**1. Don Paul “DUKE” Jackson**

**Age 40**

**1112 W. Cherry St.  
Opelousas, La.**



**I would like to express thanks to the citizens of Opelousas who provide valuable narcotics information, that make these arrest possible. The O.P.D. wants the citizens to rest assured that the police department is constantly conducting and continuing its war on illegal drug activity.**