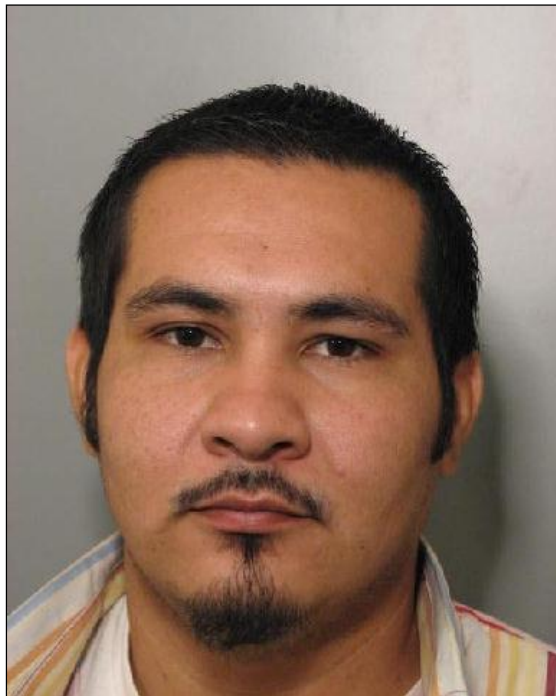


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"DNA MATCH"



**John Buff age 26
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From: The Opelousas Police Dept. (Chief Perry Gallow)

The Opelousas Police Dept. is glad to report that two cases have been closed as a result of efficient and dedicated investigations by members of the Special Operations Section. On Today Mr. John Hiram Buff was brought in front of a magistrate formally charging with Burglary in regards to a vehicle burglary. Mr. Buff had been in the Opelousas Police Dept. jail since July 27, 2010, where had been booked in regards to the theft of some copper from a local business. Today's charged stemmed from a incident which occurred in November of 2009 and occurred at the business place of Dupuis Memorial, located on Vidrine St. The initial investigation determined that someone had broken into a company vehicle on the property, and had attempted to steal a radio. The perpetrator however made a big mistake by leaving some of his blood inside of the vehicle. This as we know now is probably the most reliable form of identifying suspects available to law enforcement today. Officer(s) with the Opelousas Police Dept. are well aware of this, and have been trained in the collection of trace evidence, which includes various forms of DNA laden items. Once these items are turned in to the Acadian Crime lab is often only a matter of time before the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) matches up to a suspect already in its data base www.dna.gov/dna-databases/codis. The recent implementation of the AFIS (Automated Finger Print Identification System), which has as a feature an efficient method of getting an arrested persons DNA sample into the CODIS data base has sped up this process. The frequency of positive matches has been on the rise. The Opelousas Police Dept has solved six cold cases including several rapes and a homicide since 2007 because of advancements in DNA processing, and in advanced training in DNA collection methods.

It is very difficult for criminals to be certain that they have not left valuable evidence at crime scene for investigators to process, which will eventually lead to their most certain downfall. I assure you that the Opelousas Police Dept. is staying on the cutting edge of advancements in crime fighting technology and always has an eye forward on getting to the next level. At present there is also another case that investigators hope to clear within a few weeks that is the result of another DNA match, coincidentally involving a burglary at Dupuis Memorial, in which a urn containing the remains of Mr. James Elder Sr. was stolen. Officers will do their best to provide closure for the family of Mr. Elder within the near future.

I want the citizens of Opelousas to know that the men and women of the Opelousas Police Dept are an extremely dedicated team that is focused on making the area as safe as possible. I want to point out in these instances that the men and women of the Opelousas Police Dept use every tool at its disposal in bringing these criminal to justice. As always I would like to request that any citizen with information regarding any crime contact the Opelousas Police Department at (337) 948-2500, crimetips@opelousaspd.com all calls will be kept anonymous.

Contact Chief Perry Gallow to obtain any additional information.