

# Opelousas Police Dept. Press Release



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# ASSAULT RIFLES RECOVERED!!!



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**John Buff age 26  
604 Sapphire St.  
Opelousas, La 70570**

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

The Opelousas Police Dept. would like to release that thanks to some diligent police work and the combined efforts of several law enforcement agencies, three of four assault rifles have been recovered and removed from the streets of Opelousas. The rifles that were recovered had been taken in a recent burglary of St. Landry Lumber, which also contains an outdoor and hunting section. The burglary occurred during the early morning ours of February 5, 2011. The Opelousas Police Dept. was very

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concerned about these rifles due to the fact that three of the four were hi-power .223 Caliber assault style rifles, which in the wrong hands can be extremely devastating. The quick clearance of this burglary is credited mainly to the very efficient intelligence network developed by investigators of the Opelousas Police Dept. The then combined efforts of law enforcement including members of the Opelousas Police Dept. St. Landry Sheriffs office, and federal agents with ATF, and an agent of the Lafayette FBI task force, quickly lead to the recovery of three of the four weapons and a possible the location on the fourth. Arrested in this investigation was John Hiram Buff of 604 Sapphire St. Opelousas, La. Mr. Buff was charged with Simple Burglary, felon in possession of a firearm and unlawful sales of weapons to a minor. Mr. Buff could also be facing charges for Federal firearms violations. Mr. Buff currently on parole is no stranger to the Opelousas Police Dept. recently being arrested in August of last year in connection with a prior burglary in which he was linked to the crime by a DNA match. Additional arrests are also expected. I would like to personally thank all agencies that assisted with this investigation. The Opelousas Police Dept. is striving to keep the streets of Opelousas as safe as possible. As always I would like to request that any citizen with information regarding any crime contact the Opelousas Police Department at (337) 948-2500, or email [crimetips@opelousaspd.com](mailto:crimetips@opelousaspd.com). All calls and tips will be kept anonymous.

Contact Chief Perry Gallow to obtain any additional information.

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