

Opelousas Police Dept. Press Release



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Federal Indictment



From: Chief Perry Gallow

The Opelousas Police Dept in conjunction with the Gulf Coast HIDTA DEA Task Force is announcing that another Opelousas man has been indicted on Federal Drug trafficking charges. The indictments are 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, and a person with violent background. Mr. Jackson had previously served time for a federal drug trafficking conviction in the early 90's. Mr. Jackson's indictment will serve as another major blow to narcotics trafficking in the Opelousas area. If convicted Mr. Jackson could be facing up to life in prison. This is the second major indictment this year and the fifth in the past two years, three resulting in convictions. As previously said, this should be another warning to anyone who is involved in the illegal drug trade, that severe consequences could will be forth coming if the chose to stay in the "Game". "Get out now while you still have your freedom". This should be on violent offender that should not make it back to the streets of Opelousas.

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1. Don Paul "DUKE" Jackson
Age 40
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In other action the Crime Suppression team is back in full stride making house calls and take narcotics off the streets of Opelousas. The team had heavy hearts following the loss of its team leader Sgt. Roylis Gallow just over a month ago. The C.S.T. has chosen to carry on the mission that its former leader was so proud to be in charge of. The Following arrest were made by the C.S.T. on Sept. 2, 2009. Mr. Lawrence “Bat” Batiste age 35 of 627 E. Laurent St was booked after a search of his home resulted in officers locating approximately ½ ounce of crack cocaine, several had guns and approximately \$2100.00 in cash. Mr. Batiste was booked for possession with intent to distribute Schedule II narcotics, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, resisting an officer, and transactions involving drug proceeds. Mr. Batiste’s home was searched after an investigation led officers to obtaining a search warrant for his home located at 627 E. Laurent St. Mr. Batiste also had an extensive criminal record.



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Also arrested on yesterday was a Ms. Angeline Offord age 33 of 9318 Seker St. Houston, Tx. Ms. Offord was arrested after C.S.T. officers gathered information that Ms. Offord was involved in a prescription narcotics trafficking operation of which Ms. Offord was responsible for bringing hundreds of illegal prescription pills from the Houston, Tx area and distributing them in the Opelousas, St. Landry area. Mr. Offord was arrested on yesterday having in her possession over 320 Lortab pills, and over 120 zanax pills that she was enroot to distribute in the area. Ms. Offord also had approximately \$2600.00 in cash on her person which may have been profits from her illegal narcotics operation. Ms. Offord was booked for possession with intent to distribute schedule IV narcotics, transactions involving drug proceeds, and improper turning. Officers are working to slow the spread of the illegal sale of prescription narcotics in the city of Opelousas, which has become more prevalent in recent years. The Crime Suppression Team will continue to fight all forms of illegal drug trafficking in Opelousas, to make our community a safer place.

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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.

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