

Opelousas Police Dept. Press Release



Date: Sept. 30, 2009

REPEAT OFFENDER ARRESTED, ONE ON THE RUN



From: Chief Perry Gallow

The following arrest was made by the C.S.T. on Sept. 28, 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 1 ounce of crack cocaine, and approximately \$1800.00 in cash. Mr. Batiste was booked for possession with intent to distribute Schedule II narcotics, resisting an officer by violence, and monies derived from 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.

This is the second arrest of Mr. Batiste is less than a month. Mr. Batiste was charged on Sept. 02, 2009 for almost the identical charges listed. This is a prime example that some individuals have a hard time learning their lesson. The C.S.T. and the Opelousas Police Dept. will be relentless in their efforts to put illegal drug traffickers out of business. It does not matter how many times that we may have to pursue a subject to get our point across, the C.S.T. and O.P.D. will not stop until the message is heard loud and clear. **“DON’T SELL DRUGS”**

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The Opelousas Police Dept is also seeking assistance in locating another known drug dealer who has been on the run since early this month. On September 4, 2009 the Opelousas Police Department's Crime Suppression Team officers conducted an investigation at the residence of Mr. Desmond "Bo Da" Jason of 925 Sandoz Street Opelousas, La. Agents with the Crime Suppression Team set up surveillance on Mr. Jason's residence and had been watching the residence for several weeks gathering information after several concerned citizens called in complaints. Officers sent an undercover officer to Mr. Jason's residence and purchased crack cocaine which he was selling from a parked car in his yard. Once officers made the purchase a search warrant was served on the

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residence and agents located a large cookie of crack cocaine as well as smaller rocks of crack cocaine and a scale used to weigh out the cocaine, in the car that he was selling the narcotics from. The cocaine has a street value of \$1,000.00. Mr. Jason was not home at the time the search warrant was executed and he now is a wanted person for distribution of crack cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers have issued a warrant for his arrest and are actively seeking Mr. Jason to take this drug dealer off the streets of Opelousas. Mr. Jason has an extensive history of drug related arrest. Chief Gallow is asking anyone who sees or knows the whereabouts of Mr. Jason to please call the Opelousas Police Department at **337-948-2500** or the Crime Suppression Team at **337-948-5232**



Desmond “Bo Da” Jason

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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