

Date: September 24, 2010

# "Theft Arrest"



Matthew Buck age 22  
1025 Statesman Rd.  
Opelousas, La. 70570



Raheem J. Hicks age 20  
525 Congress St.  
Opelousas, La 70570

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

On September 23, 2010 members of the Opelousas Police Departments patrol division was able to apprehend two suspects that had just stolen some copper wire from the business of Prairie Construction located at 1344 Huntington St. Opelousas. While responding to the call an observant patrol supervisor observed a vehicle fitting the description of the vehicle that was observed in the area of the theft by an eye witness. The officer(s) conducted an investigatory traffic stop and was able to locate the stolen copper wire in the vehicle, along with various illegally possessed prescription narcotics including Lortabs and Hydrocodone. The occupants of the vehicle Mr. Matthew Buck and Mr. Raheem Jamal Hicks were subsequently charged with the felony theft of the copper utility wire valued at \$2000.00. Mr. Buck was also charged with Possession of schedule II narcotics and driving under suspension. The theft of cooper wire has been on the rise in recent years, due to the high value

associated with selling it for scrap material. The investigation is ongoing, and more charges are expected to be filled as both men are suspected of being involved in other similar crimes. 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](mailto:crimetips@opelousaspd.com) all calls will be kept anonymous.

Contact Chief Perry Gallow for additional information.