

**OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PRESS RELEASE**

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

**November 5, 2011**

**According to Chief Perry Gallow, the Opelousas Police Department arrested Shannon Sampa of 712 N. Lombard St. Opelousas Louisiana after he was found in possession of a stolen 2006 white Ford F150. According to Sampa he purchased the vehicle from someone off the street for \$200. Sampa then stated they altered the Vehicle Identification Number in order to conceal where it came from. Sampa then obtained a registration and title showing the altered VIN which came back to a 2004 F150. Sampa was taken into custody and charged with Illegal Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Altering the vehicles identification numbers. Both of these charges are felonies which could land Sampa in prison at hard labor for up to ten years and a fine of up to \$2000. The vehicle was traced back to the Eunice Louisiana area where it was stolen from. This investigation is still ongoing and could lead to more arrest. Anyone with information on any criminal activity within the city limits of Opelousas is asked to call the Opelousas Police Department at 337-948-2500.**



**Arrested Thus Far: Shannon Sampa Age 43  
712 N. Lombard St. Opelousas, La.  
Illegal Possession of Stolen Vehicle  
Alteration or removal of identifying numbers are prohibited.**

**Contact Public Information Officer Darren Zachary to obtain any additional information @337-351-1930.**