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Narcotic arrest leads to top suppliers

OPELOUSAS — State Police drug agents captured a man they believe has been a major St. Landry parish drug dealer for a decade or more. And if what the agents believe is true, they picked up the dealer's suppliers, too. The agents seized 50 pounds of marijuana and arrested five people after a relatively short investigation. The agents received a tip just 30 days prior to the arrests. Normally the agents try to use one dealer's arrest to catch more dealers, moving up the supply ladder. They managed to get up to three rings on the ladder with the surprise arrests. *SSG Leo Davis III supports LSP West District Narcotics*

Loose wheel steers officers in right direction

LAFAYETTE—A loose steering wheel on a Winnebago cost some unfortunate drug dealers about \$3000,000 and their freedom.

State police arrested two Mexican nationals for possession with intent to distribute after 200 pounds of marijuana were found in a secret compartment behind the Winnebago's shower.

The troopers spotted the vehicle weaving between lanes on Interstate 10 eastbound and stopped

the driver. The trooper said that's when he noticed the two men were very nervous.

Neither men could tell the troopers who owned the vehicle. Then their explanations didn't match up.

The Winnebago was in such terrible shape that state police decided not to confiscate the recreational vehicle. *SSG Leo Davis III supports LSP West District Narcotics*

Drugs fly as violators lead deputies on 20-mile chase

RAYNE— When an Acadia Parish deputy tried to stop a 1998 Plymouth on Interstate 10 for a traffic violation, what happened next was anything but routine. A twenty-mile chase ensued where the occupants tossed 4 to 5 packages of marijuana and an undisclosed amount of cocaine from the vehicle

while the deputy's video tape was running. After the vehicle was finally stopped, one subject fled the scene but the remaining three individuals were arrested. All the occupants were from Illinois travelling from Houston to Chicago. *SSG Peter Leger supports Acadia Parish S/O*

"Military power wins battles, but spiritual power wins wars."
General George Catlett Marshall



ST. AMANT — Ascension Parish Narcotics Agents arrested a St. Amant man and seized marijuana, weapons and \$22,000 in cash after receiving information from a confidential source. Officers, who served the search warrant, entered the residence and found three-fourths of a pound of marijuana, five marijuana plants, five firearms and the cash. *SSG Michael LaPlace supports Ascension Parish*

NEW ORLEANS—A search of the cruise ship, *Enchanted Isle*, by U.S. Customs Agents, discovered 11 pounds of cocaine concealed in an unassigned locker in the crew's quarters. The cocaine was seized and the ensuing investigation resulted in the arrest of two Jamaican immigration officers and a passenger. *National Guard support of River Interdiction Task Force is provided by SFC Carlos Torres, SSG Lance Robeaux, SGT Richard Landry, SSG Walter Castillo, SSG Jason Castro, and SSG Tim Subervielle*

SHREVEPORT— An alert state trooper stopped two vehicles at once on Interstate 20 for simultaneous traffic violations. The driver of one of the vehicles had rented both cars in his name and, after a brief inquiry, was listed as a known narcotics violator. A subsequent search of the vehicles turned up 188 pounds of marijuana in one of the trunks. The subjects claimed to be going to Atlanta from El Paso. *SGT Ana Keifer supports LSP North District Narcotics*

Package delivery results in arrests

SORRENTO—A package mailed from Kansas addressed to a Sorrento woman was intercepted by members of the DEA and the U.S. Postal Inspectors for its contents.

Inside the innocent looking package was 50,000 units of LSD. The DEA contacted the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office to conduct a controlled delivery of the goods.

The Ascension deputies, DEA agents, the U.S. Postal Inspectors and the R.A.I.D. Detachment Helicopter conducted surveillance on the Post Office and witnessed a female sign for the package containing the hallucinogenic. She was immediately taken into custody, as well as two males waiting outside for her.

A search warrant for a residence of one of the suspects was conducted and close to an ounce of psilocybin mushrooms and another 5,000 units of LSD were seized.

SSG Michael LaPlace supports Ascension Parish, Capt Dallas Jones, CW4 Steven Hoskins, CW4 Richard Ragsdale, CW2 Tyson Swanson, SSG Keith Stoltz, SGT Jason DeBush, and SPC Mitchell Wells support R.A.I.D. ISGT Wayne Herrin, MSG John Harris, TSG Ana DeZarn, SSG Alfonso Morales, SSG Patrick Roche, SSG Michael Upshaw, SSG Melissa Vosburg, SSG Kenneth Delgado, SGT Rudolf Shoats, SGT David Mula, and SPC Jason Prieto support the DEA

License plate leads to discovery of cocaine

CROWLEY—A driver of a 1999 Chevy Malibu, claiming to be enroute from Houston to New Orleans, was stopped for improper display of a license plate by an Acadia Parish Deputy.

After speaking to the driver, the officer became suspicious and requested a consent to search the vehicle. After being denied, the officer requested assistance from a K9 unit.

The dog hit on the vehicle and a search revealed more than 11 pounds of cocaine and a .45 caliber automatic pistol concealed in the truck. The cocaine was triple wrapped in rubber type tape, brown tape and cellophane.

The package was inside a duffel bag that was inserted in a gift bag where the weapon was located. The subject was arrested and the cocaine and weapon were seized. *SSG Peter Leger supports Acadia Parish S/O*

Controlled purchase and Florida arrests for JPSO

NEW ORLEANS—On June 30, 1999 agents with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office executed a controlled purchase of 90 pounds of marijuana, leading to 2 arrests and an additional 28 grams of marijuana and \$20,120.00.

Acting on information provided by the New Orleans Interdiction unit (JPSO assigned to N.O. Airport), agents in Tampa, Florida began a surveillance at the Tampa Airport and were able to apprehend 2 suspects and 2,183 tablets of ecstasy.

TSG Barbara Reed and SSG Stacey Vendetti support JPSO

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