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Heroin dealer working drugs while behind bars

A man serving time for a manslaughter conviction was found guilty of running a heroin ring in the New Orleans area.

The operation was taking place from pay phones within the Louisiana State Correctional Facility in Tallulah. The inmate would direct his crew and make plans with his second-in-command, a New Orleans resident.

After deals would go down, he would actually have another member of his operation deposit his share of the profits in his prison account.

During the six-month investigation by members from the New Or-

leans Police Department, agents from Gulf Coast HIDTA, and Louisiana Counter Drug Task Force personnel, it was discovered the suspect had lined up a heroin sale that could have netted the gang between \$5 to \$10 million on the street.

The major operation ended when police arrested members of the gang at a Canal Street hotel where two couriers from Miami had checked in the day before.

When the ring leader's front man arrived at the hotel with \$100,000 cash to buy 5.5 pounds of 95 percent pure Colombian heroin, police closed

in. They immediately arrested the suspects and slapped a charge on the inmate in Tallulah to boot.

In addition to his current charges, the man is now charged with conspiracy to possess heroin with the intent to distribute.

Nine other individuals have been charged in the case and three arrest warrants are outstanding.

Staff Sgt. Chris Trenticosta and Staff Sgt. Kristi Moon support gulf Coast HIDTA, Staff Sgt. Mike Plaiscia, Senior Amn David Schehar and Sgt. Paul Hooper support NOPD.

Cocaine dealers run out of neighborhood

Two men and a woman were arrested and charged with possession of \$26,000 worth of cocaine by members of the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office Narcotic Task Force.

All three face a minimum sentence of 20 years in prison if convicted.

The St. John Parish Sheriff expressed his thanks to the neighbors who earlier had complained

about the alleged drug trafficking going on in the neighborhood.

St. John Parish Sheriff's Deputies had been monitoring a drug-riddled area in Reserve for more than a year.

While a targeted trailer was under surveillance, officers observed a suspect leave, followed by two other suspects shortly thereafter. They were attempting to leave with with two small children.

When the car was pulled over by the Sheriff's felony intercept unit near the residence, the drugs were found hidden in one of the children's school bag.

Also recovered from the trailer during a court authorized search was a bulletproof vest and a 9mm handgun.

Sgt. Darryl Vizzini supports St. John Parish S/O

Counter Drug Task Force Prepare for State Conference

The Louisiana National Guard Counter Drug Task Force is holding its state conference April 10-12 in the heart of Cajun Country...Lafayette.

On Tuesday, in-processing will be held from 1400-1800. It is advisable to get there early. Lafayette has numerous activities for anyone who has completed the in-processing requirements.

There are shops, parks, golf, swimming, fishing, restaurants, malls, the library. In addition to a fabulous city golf course, there is a disc golf course set up at Girard Park for all interested parties. The park is located six blocks from the hotel, there is plenty of parking, ice chests are permitted, bar-b-que pits are avail-

able on a first-come, first-grab basis.

Disc golf is the latest craze. It's a game played with a frisbee using golf rules. There are targets set up throughout the park. Just as in golf, there is a set number of strokes or throws to hit your mark.

For more information about disc golf look up the web site at <http://www.angelfire.com/la3/forget3/girard/index.html>.

Meetings start promptly at 0800 Wednesday morning. Remember...wear your Class B's (Army) and Blues for Air Guard. Look sharp, we have a lot of special guests coming to our conference. See ya there.

Drug deal ends on fatal note

When the Natchitoches Police Department responded to a call of shots fired on a city street, officers noticed an older model blue oldsmobile had wrecked into a telephone pole.

As officers approached the vehicle, they noticed a man with a fatal gunshot wound in his side.

Witnesses told officers they heard three shots. Officers discovered one bullet was evidently in the victim, one in the vehicle's trunk as he apparently tried to drive away, and one bullet was unaccounted for.

Officer called the Natchitoches Detectives and the Drug Task Force to assist in the incident.

Upon searching the vehicle, Task Force Agents found large bags in the truck containing 10 large square bundles of marijuana weighing 10.2 pounds a piece. A total of 102 pounds of marijuana were retrieved from the vehicle.

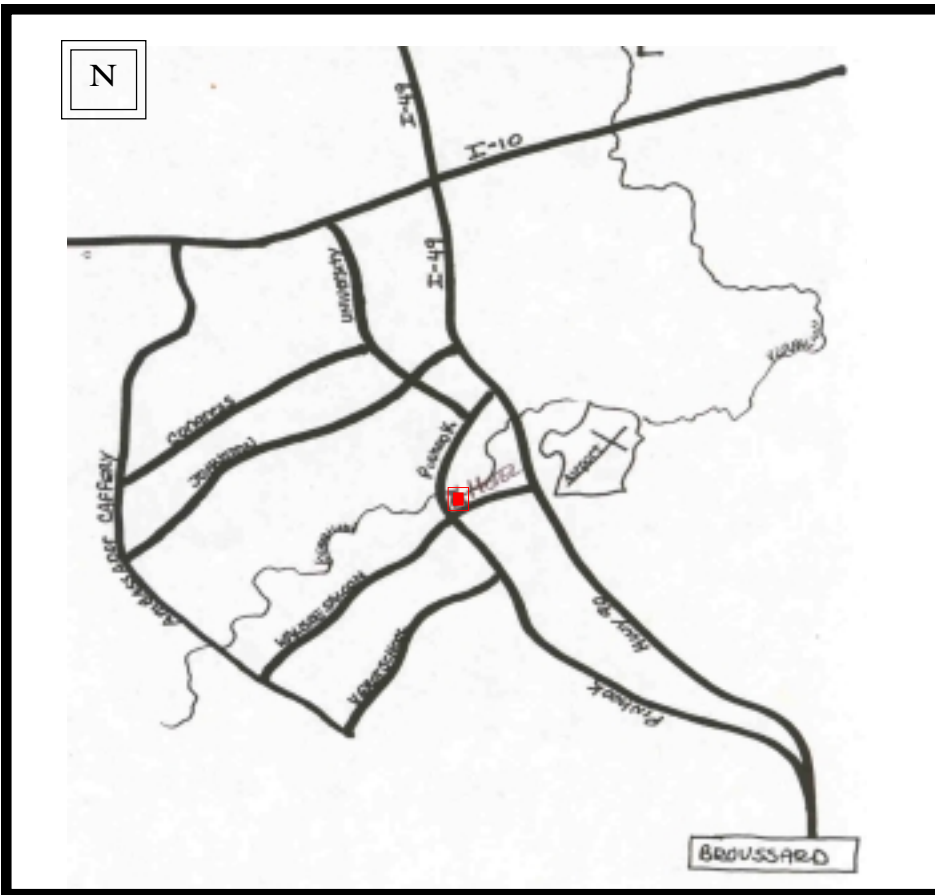
No arrests have been made, the investigation is ongoing.

Sgt. Chad McNeal supports the Natchitoches Narcotic Task Force

The Kenner narcotics Division executed a search warrant at a local residence that resulted in the arrest of two males and a female for possession with intent to distribute 225 grams of marijuana. **Senior Ann Lanitra Reed supports Kenner PD**

Exercise your writes

Send all submissions to Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Chaillot at Shyobro@aol.com or fax 337-262-6647. This monthly newsletter is published by the Louisiana National Guard Counter Drug Task Force.



Getting to the Conference-- From Interstate 10 drive south on I-49/Hwy 90 past airport. Turn right on Kaliste Saloom and continue to Pinhook road where you will turn right. Best Western-Hotel Acadiana is on the right, 1/4 mile from the intersections of Pinhook and Kaliste Saloom roads. The phone number to the hotel is 337-233-8120.