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OUTSTANDING MILITARY MEMBER Staff Sgt. Errol Williams is joined by his wife, Maya, as he receives the GEICO outstanding military service award for his work with Project STAR and drug and alcohol prevention programs. Williams traveled to Washington D.C. to receive the honor from a representative from the Department of Defense and GEICO Insurance Company. Photo by Capt. John Michael Wells

Drug dealer stopped in his tracks

SLIDELL---There is one Ford Mustang racecar that won't be hitting the track anytime soon. - at least not unless the owner can raise the \$2 million bond set on him for distribution of cocaine.

After an undercover operation lasting several months, members of the St. Tammany Parish Narcotics Task Force arrested the suspected dealer and two alleged accomplices.

A transaction was arranged in advance by undercover agents. During the buy, agents moved in during the arrest process. One suspect fled into the surrounding woods, hurling a bag containing one ounce of cocaine as he ran. A tree limb caught the falling baggy making an easy retrieval by detectives.

The Ford Mustang racecar was seized at the garage where the transaction and arrests took place. In addition to the vehicle and the flying bag of powder, agents recovered four more ounces of powder cocaine and approximately \$4,000 in cash. **Staff Sgt. Paul Tullier supports St. Tammany Parish Narcotics**

Valiums seized, students arrested as result of tip

NATCHITOCHEs---Two NSU students arrested on drug charges, according to narcotics supervisor, the arrests came as the result of a phone tip made to the Task Force.

Agents conducted surveillance at a local apartment complex, which confirmed the information they had received from the phone tip. A traffic stop was

conducted on the suspect vehicle, according to La. traffic law violations, and 358 valiums were seized as a result of the stop.

A follow up search was conducted at the violators apartment where \$458.00 was also seized.

Sgt. Chad McNeal supports the Nachitoches Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force

Ropes course enhances natural helpers

In partnership with Rapides Parish School Board, DDR personnel **Lt. Donna Chetta-Jones, Sgt. Shawn Krill and Spc. Mitchell Wells** facilitated a Natural Helpers ropes challenge course event on April 27 - 28, at Camp Beaugard.

Approximately eighty kids from local junior high and high schools throughout Rapides Parish had an opportunity to work together in a challenging environment.

The students who participated are part of Natural Helpers, the peer helping program used across the United States and other countries.

It primarily serves middle school/junior high school and high school students who want to strengthen their communication and helping skills and to provide support to others and service to

their schools and communities.

The Natural Helpers program is based on a simple premise: Within every school an informal "helping network" exists.

The ropes challenge course event was used as a component of their required on-going training.

They learned "hands-on" lessons such as communication, leadership, tolerance, empathy and teamwork. These are just a few lessons the course tends to teach on a regular basis.

The event was an overall success. A special thanks goes to Sgt. 1st Class Paul Bordelon of the Youth Challenge Program who assisted on the course.

If you are interested in becoming a ropes challenge course facilitator please contact your team leader.

Operation pays off with arrests, cocaine and cash

SLIDELL---Three Mississippi residents were arrested near Slidell after being caught with more than four pounds of powder cocaine.

The arrests took place after a lengthy joint operation involving the D.E.A. and the St. Tammany Parish Narcotics Task Force.

After working undercover for some weeks, agents intercepted a shipment of the cocaine at a truck stop near Slidell. In addition to the narcotics, agents seized approximately \$31,000 in cash and a semi-automatic pistol.

Staff Sgt. Paul Tullier supports St. Tammany Parish Narcotics

Street jump leads agents to crack cache

Agents of the Terrebonne Parish Narcotics Task Force executed a street jump on a subject after receiving information that he was holding a large amount of cash and narcotics.

They found \$1,040 and approximately 2.50 grams of marijuana and 6.30 grams of crack cocaine on the subject. After speaking to the individual,

he voluntarily admitted to having more narcotics in his residence. Agents obtained and executed a search warrant of his residence. Agents seized 190 grams of crack cocaine with a street value of \$38,000.

The office is supported by Tech. Sgt. John Fos

Congressional Display

Remember to bring photographs of you with your family to the conference in May. If you have any questions about our project, please Email me or call Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Chaillot at 337-262-6619 ex 21. This project is very important to the future funding of the program.

Here's to a job well done...Sgt. 1st Class Winston Matejowsky

has accepted an AGR position as Asst. Operations Sergeant with the 527th Engineer Battalion. Sgt. 1st Class Matejowsky professionally served the Counterdrug Task Force and LSP Narcotics for over eight years. Thank you for your commendable service and best wishes in your new position. **Spc. Michelle McLemore** is now the sole support for North District Narcotics in Monroe.

Reminder, Master Sgt. Lori Chedville would like to remind all Air Guard personnel to have their leave forms signed by their supervisor before faxing them to her.

If you have any announcements, births, birthdays, awards, etc - send them in. Also keep sending the articles and reports. If you have any questions, call me Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Chaillot, (337) 262 6619 ex 21.

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