



**Terrebonne Parish
Sheriff's Office**



Louisiana State Police



Drug Enforcement Agency

JOINT AGENCY NEWS RELEASE

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Law Enforcement Infiltrates Local Drug Trafficking Organization

HOUMA - During the early morning hours of November 3, 2011 more than a hundred law enforcement officers, working in partnership, executed numerous arrest and search warrants targeting a drug trafficking organization operating in Houma, Louisiana. The warrants were the result of an extensive long-term investigation conducted jointly by local, parish, state and Federal law enforcement agencies.

This morning's operation is a culmination of the investigative efforts of the Terrebonne Narcotics Task Force (staffed by the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office and the Houma Police Department), the Louisiana State Police, and participation by the Drug Enforcement Administration-New Orleans Field Division. The Investigation was also conducted with continuous consultation with the Terrebonne Parish District Attorney's Office.

The mission of "Operation Truck Load" is to dismantle a multi- million dollar illegal narcotics distribution network that also was involved in money laundering and the creation of pseudo businesses in order to mask the illegal narcotics trade. The nature of this illegal narcotics distribution organization was the illegal and fraudulent acquisition of pharmaceutical medication in and around Houston, TX. , the transporting of these pharmaceuticals across state lines into the state of Louisiana and into the Parish of Terrebonne, at which time members of the organization were tasked to distribute the illegal narcotics to persons in and around the parish of Terrebonne. The investigation has revealed that these actions and techniques have been on-going for up to 36 months until today's operation.

Evidence accumulated during the course of the investigation illustrates that individuals in the drug trafficking organization would make multiple trips to the Houston, TX area and fraudulently obtain pharmaceutical medications. Per month, the illegal narcotic operation's gross profit averaged between \$40,000 and \$300,000. The investigation revealed that through the illegal distribution of narcotics, the organization amassed over 9 properties and over a dozen vehicles, with an estimated value of over \$2,000,000.

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois wants to personally thank Terrebonne Narcotics Task Force, Louisiana State Police, Drug Enforcement Agency, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office, Houma Police Department, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Department, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office and Acadian Ambulance Service for making this a very safe and successful operation!

"State Police has forged important relationships with local, parish, state and Federal law enforcement agencies. These partnerships greatly contributed to the success of today's operation," said Colonel Mike Edmonson, State Police Superintendent. "State Police will continue to work with our partners in an effort to eradicate drug organizations that have established illicit drug distribution networks in our communities."

"Today, collectively the law enforcement community spoke aggressively and boldly that if you chose to distribute narcotics illegally, you will be caught and the criminal justice system will be the victor, and all the ill-gained personal property, will be seized according to the laws of this great country."

Jimmy S. Fox III

Special Agent in Charge

New Orleans Field Division

Agencies supporting this morning's operation included the Terrebonne Narcotics Task Force, Louisiana State Police, Drug Enforcement Agency, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office, Houma Police Department and Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Department, and Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office.

The following evidence was acquired as a result of the search warrants and investigation: approximately 2000 prescription pills (majority roxicodones), 6 firearms, in excess of \$200,000.00 United States Currency, 5gms of cocaine hcl, and 11 baggies of residual cocaine.

A significant amount of evidence was acquired from the residence of 7600 Lilly Valley Gonzales, La. where over \$181,000.00 USC and approximately 1000 prescription pills were recovered from secreted areas of the residence. Investigation continues and further arrests expected.

The following individuals were arrested as a result of this investigation:

- 1) Daniel Jerome Brown, B/M, Charged with: Possession of soma, Racketeering Activity
- 2) Michael Nolan Ledet, W/M, Charged with Distribution of Roxicodone (3 counts), Possession of CDS in the presence of Persons Under 17, Racketeering Activity
- 3) Robin Chauvin, w/f, Charged with: Racketeering Activity
- 4) Christine Harris, b/f, Charged with: Racketeering Activity
- 5) Michael Lynn Brewster, w/m, Racketeering Activity
- 6) Carey Duplantis, w/m, Racketeering Activity
- 7) James Calloway, b/m, Racketeering Activity
- 8) Arnold Floyd Netter Sr., b/m, Racketeering Activity
- 9) Avis James Williams, b/m, charged with: Possession with intent to Distribute meth, poss. Of cocaine, transactions involving proceeds
- 10) Emmitt Carr, b/m, Charged with: convicted felon in possession of a firearm





Robin Chauvin



Christine Harris



Michael Brewster



Carey Duplantis



Emmett Carr

The following individuals are still wanted in connection with this investigation:

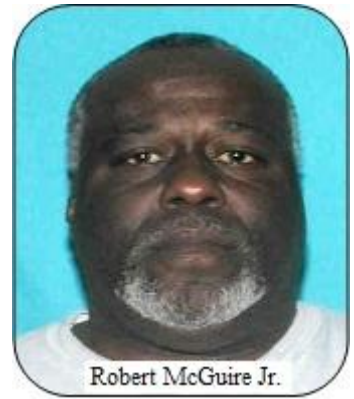
- 1) Ronald Jordan, b/m, charged with: Racketeering Activity
- 2) Kory Domangue, w/m, Distribution of Roxicodone
- 3) Robert Mcguire Jr., b/m, Racketeering Activity
- 4) Freddie Hayes, Jr., b/m, possession of lortab, possession of marijuana, racketeering activity
- 5) Kenneth Crochet, w/m, Racketeering Activity
- 6) Brian leblanc, w/m, charged with: Racketeering Activity
- 7) Matthew John Marcel, w/m, charged with: Distribution of cocaine
- 8) Tonya Giroir, w/f, charged with: Principle to distribution of cocaine
- 9) Dwayne Halford, w/m, charged with: Racketeering Activity
- 10) Thelma Griffin, w/f, Possession of legend drugs (2 counts), possession of roxycodone
- 11) Kathy Verrett, w/f, Charged with Racketeering activity
- 12) Richard Wood, w/m, Charged with Racketeering Activity



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