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Drug Arrests

Anyone with information regarding this incident(s) is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-877-903-STOP. Citizens do not have to give their names nor testify and could receive up to \$2,500.

ARRESTEE:	Howard, Freddie, 34, Male
LOCATION:	Airline Highway, Destrehan
DATE:	October 19, 2024
ITEM NO.:	2405350
CHGS: Possession of marijuana, possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia, disobeying traffic controls, vehicle registration expired, and attachment arrest	
The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports contact was made with Howard during a traffic stop. Deputies confirmed an outstanding attachment for Howard's arrest. When Howard exited the vehicle, deputies observed marijuana in the interior driver's side door compartment. Howard was taken into custody and booked accordingly.	

ARRESTEE:	Schwartz, Christopher, 36, Male
LOCATION:	Oak Street and Iris Lane, St. Rose
DATE:	October 20, 2024
ITEM NO.:	2405361
CHGS: Possession of methamphetamine, examination of applicant's required motorcycle endorsement, security required, safety, helmet violations, operating a vehicle with a suspended license, fugitive warrant arrest.	
The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports contact was made with Schwartz during a traffic stop for not wearing a helmet while operating a motor scooter. Deputies learned that Schwartz had violated other traffic laws and was taken into custody. During a search incidental to the arrest, methamphetamine was located inside Schwartz's pants pocket. He was transported to the NCCC and booked accordingly.	

ARRESTEE:	Bertucci, Joseph, 33, Male
LOCATION:	15622 River Road, Norco
DATE:	October 19, 2024
ITEM NO.:	2405343

CHGS: Possession of marijuana, possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia, reckless operation without accident, no license plate, security required, operating a vehicle with a suspended license, expired motor vehicle inspection, aggravated flight from an officer, flight from an officer, and a fugitive warrant arrest.

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports that deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Bertucci's vehicle because a license plate was not affixed to it, but Bertucci refused to stop it. A pursuit ensued, but it was terminated due to public safety concerns. A short time later, a deputy observed the vehicle traveling on Ormond Blvd., observed a traffic violation, and attempted to stop the vehicle, but Bertucci refused to stop again. Deputies deployed stop sticks, but before making contact with stop sticks, Bertucci stopped the vehicle and surrendered to deputies. The smell of marijuana emitted from Bertucci's vehicle, and during a search, deputies located marijuana inside the vehicle. Bertucci was transported to the NCCC and booked accordingly.

ARRESTEE:	Strickland, Dontrell, 32, Male
LOCATION:	Airline Highway and Shell Gate 44, Norco
DATE:	October 19, 2024
ITEM NO.:	2405335
CHGS: Possession of marijuana and an attachment arrest	
The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports deputies observed Strickland and a female on the side of Airline Highway and made contact with the two. Deputies detected the odor of marijuana, which was emitting from Strickland's bag. It was confirmed that Strickland had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. A search was conducted of Strickland's bag, and deputies located marijuana. Strickland was taken into custody and booked accordingly.	