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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 or testify and could receive up to \$2,500.

ARRESTEE:	Griffin, Justin, 32, Male
LOCATION:	Audubon Street and LA 631, Paradis
DATE:	May 22, 2025
ITEM NO.:	2502642

CHGS: Possession of marijuana, Taking contraband to/from penal institutions-prohibited, Resisting an officer, and Turning movements and required signals

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports contact was made with Griffin during a traffic stop. While speaking with Griffin, deputies detected the smell of marijuana. Griffin initially refused to exit the vehicle when told to do so. During a search of the vehicle, deputies located marijuana inside. Griffin was taken into custody and transported to the NCCC. During the booking process, deputies located narcotics on him. He was booked accordingly.

ARRESTEE:	Kassim, Fares, 35, Male
LOCATION:	12000 Block of Highway 90, Luling
DATE:	May 25, 2025
ITEM NO.:	2502699

CHGS: Possession of marijuana, Use of multiple beam road lighting equipment, Operating a vehicle with a suspended license, and Novelty or unofficial credentials-prohibited.

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports that contact was made with Kassim during a traffic stop. While speaking with Kassim, deputies detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, deputies located marijuana. Kassim was taken into custody and booked accordingly at the NCCC.

ARRESTEE:	Ellis, Brian, 28, Male
LOCATION:	I-310 North @ M.P. 7.0, Luling
DATE:	May 25, 2025
ITEM NO.:	2502701
CHGS: Possession of marijuana, Novelty or unofficial credentials-prohibited, Child passenger seat system-required, Speeding, and a Fugitive arrest	
The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office report	

ARRESTEE:	Francis, Bernell, 20, Male
LOCATION:	Highway 90 and CO2 Lane, Des Allemands
DATE:	May 27, 2025
ITEM NO.:	2502712
CHGS: Obstruction of justice-evidence tampering, Possession of marijuana, Evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability security contained in vehicle, Registration certificates, Speeding, Resisting an officer, Driver must be licensed, a Fugitive arrest, and an Attachment arrest	
The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports that deputies made contact with Francis, and the vehicle's occupants during a traffic stop. Deputies determined that Francis had initially provided a fake name. Deputies also determined that Francis was initially driving the vehicle, but switched with one of the occupants after they pulled to the side of the road. While speaking with Francis, deputies detected the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, deputies located marijuana. Francis was taken into custody and booked accordingly at the NCCC.	

ARRESTEE:	Candies, Murphy, 55, Male
LOCATION:	499 Estay Lane, Paradis
DATE:	May 27, 2025
ITEM NO.:	2502653
CHGS: Possession of methamphetamine, Possession with intent to distribute marijuana, Distribution of marijuana, Possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia, and Transactions involving proceeds from CDS activity.	
The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports that members of the SWAT Team and Special Investigations Division executed a search warrant at Candies' residence regarding a narcotics investigation. Deputies took Murphy into custody and transported him to the NCCC. He was booked accordingly.	

ARRESTEE:	Francis, Steven, 31, Male
LOCATION:	Highway 90 @ the Diversion, Luling
DATE:	May 24, 2025
ITEM NO.:	2502690
CHGS:	Illegal carrying of a weapon in the presence of a CDS, Possession of marijuana, Possession with intent to distribute marijuana, Illegal window tint, and Possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia.
<p>The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reports that contact was made with Francis during a traffic stop. While speaking with Francis, deputies detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, deputies located marijuana and a firearm. Francis was taken into custody and booked accordingly at the NCCC.</p>	