

# The 21<sup>st</sup> Monthly

From the Office of District Attorney Scott M. Perrilloux

## TWO SENTENCED FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OFFENSE DWI

**Amite-** On March 11, 2015, in unrelated cases, Richard Hawkins and Jermaine McGee were both sentenced to serve 10 years with the department of corrections for driving while intoxicated- 4<sup>th</sup> offense.

56-year-old Hawkins, of Independence, LA, was arrested on August 14, 2013. The defendant was driving back and forth across the center line when a Louisiana State Trooper initiated a traffic stop. The Trooper, noticing the smell of marijuana on the defendant, asked Hawkins to perform a standardized field sobriety test. According to the police report, the defendant performed poorly and, although he refused to submit a breath test, he admitted to officers that he had smoked marijuana an hour prior to being pulled over. He was subsequently arrested and booked into the Tangipahoa Parish Jail.

While performing a traffic stop on October 26, 2014, an officer recognized signs of impairment in Amite resident, 35-year-old Jermaine McGee. He was then asked to participate in a field sobriety test, which he failed. The defendant also acknowledged that he had been drinking earlier in the evening. A breath test revealed he had a blood alcohol content of .143g%.

Both Hawkins and McGee must serve at least two years of their sentences without the benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence. Assistant District Attorney Britain Sledge represented the State and Judge Doug Hughes handed down the sentences.

## ADA'S ASSIST TRIAL & DEBATE TEAM

**Amite-** For the past several months Assistant District Attorneys Patricia Parker Amos and Le'Anne Malnar have worked with the Loranger High School Trial and Debate team, helping them to prepare for competition by educating them on the court system and trial practices.

The team recently attended the State High School Region 3 Mock Trial Competition, and made it to quarterfinal round.



"The kids have already asked to start preparing for next year." said Amos. "I couldn't be more proud of them."

This is the ADAs second year working with the team.

## MALNAR AWARDED PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR

**Amite-** District Attorney Scott M. Perrilloux is proud to announce that Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar was chosen to receive the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual DWI Prosecutor of the Year Award from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC).

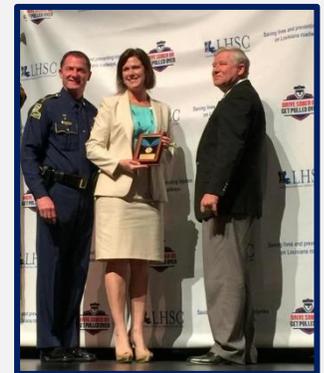
On March 24, 2015, the LHSC recognized Malnar at an awards ceremony in Baton Rouge along with many other honorees that the LHSC felt had demonstrated commitment in reducing the number of impaired drivers in Louisiana. This included law enforcement officers, a judge, a district attorney and other agencies.

According to the Louisiana District Attorney's Association (LDAA), the district attorney board was asked to nominate a District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney to be honored. The board voted that Malnar, who was nominated by District Attorney Perrilloux, should be the recipient of the DWI Prosecutor of the Year Award and that Todd Nesom, of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, should be chosen for District Attorney of the Year Award.

Malnar was selected because of her work in prosecuting DWI offenses and her efforts in community education in relation to impaired driving. She regularly performs presentations, law enforcement workshops and area high schools mock trial demonstrations.

In Perrilloux's nomination letter he addressed the many reasons Malnar should be chosen, stating,

"Over the years, Le'Anne has shown a continuous commitment to fulfilling her duties as a prosecutor utilizing her talents in the exceptional execution of her job. She is able to work under difficult, high-pressure situations and still attain excellent results. She often steps up to the plate volunteering her services in many ways which directly benefit the criminal justice system in the enforcement of our state's DWI laws."



Earlier this month Malnar was also presented with the 2014 Criminal Justice Award from the Tangipahoa Crime Stoppers.