

THE 21ST MONTHLY

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NUNEZ PLEADS TO BANK ROBBERIES

Amite- Edmund Nunez, age 52, of Ponchatoula, LA, was sentenced to serve 15 years with the department of corrections for each of two counts of attempted first degree robbery, to be served concurrently.

Police reports state that on June 15, 2013, Nunez entered the Florida Parishes Bank in Ponchatoula and handed the teller a note stating that he was armed and to give him all the money in the top drawer. The teller explained there was no money in the drawer and she would need to go to the drive up window. When she did so, she informed the bank's manager. The witness stated that while she was speaking with her manager, Nunez left the bank.

Nunez then traveled to First Guaranty Bank in Hammond. He once again passed a note to the teller stating he had a gun and to give him all the money in the top drawer. The teller gave Nunez \$1,684.00 from the drawer and the defendant left the bank. The teller then immediately contacted police.

Security video at both banks captured images of the robber and his vehicle. Photos of the defendant were then released by police in hope that the perpetrator could be identified. A crime stoppers tip lead to Nunez's arrest.

The caller identified Nunez and provided officers with a home address. When searching the defendant's residence, officers found a sum of money in varying denominations, and articles of clothing matching those from the security videos.

Nunez was subsequently arrested and transported to the Hammond Police Department for Booking.

CROCHET SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS

Amite- On September 18, 2014, 33-year-old Christopher L. Crochet, of Ponchatoula, LA, was sentenced to serve 10 years with the department of corrections for production and manufacture of schedule II controlled dangerous substances.

The prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar, explained that on January 8, 2013, officers from the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office were searching for information on recent burglaries in Crochet's area. When they arrived at the defendant's home, one of the detectives noted the strong chemical smell associated with the production of methamphetamine. After obtaining permission, the officers performed a search of Crochet's residence.

The police report states that the investigating officers noted the chemical smell was strongest near a barbeque pit on the front porch. Upon opening, the officers found the pit was filled with chemical vapors. The barbeque pit also contained plastic bags containing wet filter paper, which was producing the smell, and multiple items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, including pseudoephedrine and used lithium strips. A further search of the home revealed two grams of processed methamphetamine.

Judge Elizabeth Wolfe handed down the sentence.

DA DOES ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Livingston- District Attorney Scott Perrilloux, along with three other Livingston parish officials, participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on September 5, 2014.

Challenged by Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard, Perrilloux, School Superintendent John Watson, Parish President Layton Ricks, and Assessor Jeff Taylor all did the challenge in honor of former Livingston Parish Sheriff Willie Graves' wife, Elaine Graves, who suffers from ALS.



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