

# THE 21ST MONTHLY

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### COURT NEWS

**Tangipahoa**-returned a True Bill of Indictment in the 1987 homicide of 26-year-old Selonia Reed.

Indicted for second degree murder and conspiracy to commit second degree murder were Reginald Reed Sr., age 59 and Jimmy Ray Barnes, age 60.

**Livingston**- Jonathan Herrell, age 25, indicted for second degree murder. On March 30, 2019 Jonathan Herrell had an argument with his uncle; Tommy Herrell Jr. During the disagreement Jonathan Herrell struck his uncle with a baseball bat. Harrell was originally charged with attempted second degree murder, but it was upgraded after Tommy Herrell Jr. died.

**Livingston**- Shane Posey, age 22, indicted for first degree murder. Posey was arrested on March 8, 2019 on charges of felony cruelty to juveniles and fugitive warrants. The child succumbed to her injuries and died on March 11, 2019. The charge against Posey was upgraded to first degree murder.

### ADA TAYLOR ANTHONY RECOGNIZED BY THE FBI

Assistant District Attorney Taylor Anthony and Supervisor of the Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court Criminal Division Felicia Joiner were honored by the FBI for bringing justice in the case State of Louisiana vs. Fredrick Murray and a pending case against his brother, Lawrence Murray for possession of pornography involving juveniles.

Hammond Detectives were contacted by agents with the FBI Terrorism Unit in regards to Fredrick Murray, who filed paperwork with the Twenty First Judicial Court. The documents stated that Murray declared himself as a sovereign citizen. Detectives learned that Murray was a non-compliant sex offender through the City of Hammond and Tangipahoa Parish. A search warrant was granted to search Murray's Hammond residence for electronic devices that could have constructed the false documents made by Murray that were filed. Murray was arrested by TPSO on the warrant on April 30, 2018. On this same day, Hammond detectives along with FBI agents executed the search warrant. After establishing perimeter on the property detectives did a search of a room occupied by Murray and located several electronic storage devices. The electronic devices were seized and turned into FBI agents for their analysis. Upon a review of the devices seized by the FBI Terrorism Unit, it was discovered that Murray had possession of over 700 images of child pornography, many of infant females under 2 years old.

Fredrick Murray was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to 65 years with the Department of Corrections by Judge Jeffery Johnson for possession of pornography involving juveniles under the age of 13.

# JUNE TRIALS & NOTABLE PLEAS

## FOSTER PLEADS GUILTY TO ARMED ROBBERY

Roger Foster II pleaded guilty to armed robbery and illegal possession of stolen things.

According to reports on December 9, 2017, two four wheelers were stolen from the rear of a Denham Springs residence on Genre Drive. Through investigation it was learned that the two four wheelers were located at a residence on Sweet Bay Drive in Denham Springs and that Roger Foster II and Joshua Cormier were attempting to sell the four wheelers. Warrants were issued for both suspects and they were arrested on January 4, 2018.

While Foster was out on bond, on March 20, 2018, Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to Murphy's Gas Station on Highway 16 in reference to an armed robbery. Upon arrival, the victim advised while trying to pump gas a male walked up and jumped into her vehicle. She stated that she attempted to pull the male out of her vehicle when the male removed a small black handgun from his pocket and pointed it at her and another witness then proceeded to drive off in the vehicle. Minutes later, deputies located the vehicle on Linder Road in Denham Springs while the suspect was still inside of the vehicle. When deputies attempted to make contact with the suspect he exited the vehicle and took off running. After a brief pursuit on foot deputies placed the suspect, identified as Roger Foster II, into custody. Foster freely admitted to jumping into the victim's vehicle and taking it from the gas station. The incident was captured on Murphy's Gas Station's surveillance video.

Roger Foster II was sentenced to 15 years with the department of corrections. He is to serve the sentence without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Murphy represented the State of Louisiana; Judge Jeffery Johnson handed down the sentence.

## ST. ROMAIN TRIAL

Joseph St. Romain, of Tickfaw, LA, was found guilty by a Livingston Parish jury of aggravated battery and armed robbery with use of a firearm.

On Thanksgiving night (November 24) 2016, Livingston Parish detectives reported to North Oaks Hospital in Hammond in reference to a gunshot victim. The victim, Jarred Stewart, reported he had been robbed and shot in Livingston Parish. It was observed that the victim sustained a gunshot wound to the top of his right hand as well as a small laceration to the rear of his head.

According to Jarred Stewart's testimony, he and William Street drove to a residence on LA 442 to pick up some stereo equipment. Eventually, the homeowner, Joshua Penton, arrived at the residence. Minutes later a vehicle pulled into the driveway of the residence when two males later identified as Joseph St. Romain and Brandon St. Romain exited the vehicle. Stewart went on to testify that Joseph St. Romain told him that he looked familiar and accused him of robbing him on a previous occasion. When interviewed at the hospital and during live testimony at trial, Jarred Stewart denied any knowledge of a previous robbery.

During the interaction with Stewart, Joseph St. Romain produced a semi-automatic pistol, pointed it at Stewart, and took Stewart's wallet. Joseph St. Romain then ordered Stewart to get on his knees, which the victim did and placed his hands behind his head. Joseph St. Romain then stood behind the victim. The victim was shot and struck with the pistol during this exchange. William Street testified that he was able to disarm St. Romain and flee with the victim. Both Stewart and Street positively identified Joseph St. Romain in court as the individual who robbed and shot Jarred Stewart on Thanksgiving night, 2016.

The testimony of the victim and witness, Street, was supported by physical evidence which was gathered from the hospital and the crime scene by Livingston Parish Sheriff's Officers. On the count of Attempted First Degree Murder, the Jury returned a responsive verdict of Aggravated Battery. On the count of Armed Robbery with a Firearm, the Jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty as charged.

Assistant District Attorney Zachary T. Daniels represented the State of Louisiana in the case with Judge Robert H. Morrison presiding.

Sentencing for Joseph St. Romain I scheduled for July 22, 2019 at 1:00PM.