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Livingston- On Thursday, April 21, 2016 Assistant District Attorney Matthew Belser was honored with the “Geaux Blue for Kids” Award by the Children Advocacy Center of Louisiana for his hard work and dedication on the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Board.

Matthew Belser has exhibited outstanding leadership and service to the community resulting in the enhanced quality of services provided to children. He has done this by assisting other agencies, reviewing cases with the Multi-Disciplinary Team, and increasing the awareness and prevention of child abuse in the community.

As an Assistant District Attorney, Belser is both an advocate for children in his professional life as well as his personal life. The CAC states that “Belser utilizes his expertise in child abuse to impact the community and goes above and beyond to work closely with the victims to aid in their recovery process.”

Additionally, Belser regularly provides training to the Multi-Disciplinary Team Board on legal issues, such as improving child abuse investigations and team collaboration. His trauma informed approach adds to the healing process of survivors. As an ordained preacher, he often speaks to his community about preventing child abuse and how to keep families safe.

Belser’s commitment and dedication to the Twenty First Judicial District Attorney’s Office, the Multi-Disciplinary Team, and his service to the children of Livingston Parish is the reason he was awarded the Children’s Advocacy Center of Louisiana Multi-Disciplinary “Geaux Blue for Kids” Award.

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Livingston- Bambi Watson, 43, of Albany, LA, pleaded no contest to the creation/operation of a clandestine laboratory, two counts of possession of schedule III controlled dangerous substances, and possession of schedule II controlled dangerous substances.

On July 13, 2015, Livingston Parish Sheriff Deputies reviewed pharmacy records of ephedrine purchases and found that Bambi Watson had been purchasing ephedrine products in excessive and unusual amounts. According to NPLEX logs, Watson was buying the maximum amount each month and bought the products 18 times in 2015.

Livingston Parish Deputies proceeded to a residence on Highway 43 in Albany to speak with Watson in reference to the ephedrine purchases but did not make contact.

While standing in the front yard of the residence, deputies detected a strong chemical odor associated with the production of methamphetamine. They identified an open window on the north side of the trailer as the source of the chemical odor.

On July 14, 2015, Livingston Parish Deputies obtained a search warrant from Judge Wolfe finding probable cause for the search of the trailer.

Deputies breached the front door of the residence after announcing their presence and authority and a K9 was deployed into the residence. Upon entry, Watson surrendered. Deputies advised Watson verbally of her Miranda Rights and she acknowledged that she understood.

During an interview, Watson admitted that she assisted in preparing a meth lab inside of the trailer. She then directed deputies to the freezer where the one pot meth labs were found.

A complete search of the residence found numerous items associated with the production of methamphetamine, including precursors and disposed of products.

Watson was arrested and transported to the Livingston Parish Detention Center where she was properly booked.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Murphy represented the state and Judge Jeffery Johnson handed down the sentence.

Bambi Watson was sentenced to 10 years with the department of corrections and time is to be served concurrently, said Perrilloux.

