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WILBANKS CONVICTION

LIVINGSTON- Tony Wilbanks, 35, of Livingston, LA, pled guilty to Principal to Carnal Knowledge of a Juvenile, Video Voyeurism, two counts Indecent Behavior with Juveniles, and Pornography Involving Juveniles.

The charges were the result of a joint investigation by authorities in Livingston Parish and Blount County, Tennessee. A search warrant was executed at the defendant's home in Livingston, LA pursuant to information obtained by the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Division.

Multiple items were seized during the search showing a variety of inappropriate and illegal sexual conduct by defendant, including conduct involving juveniles present in the home.

According to police reports, the dates of the offenses ranged between May of 2012 through October of 2013. Wilbanks was arrested on the charges on October 24, 2013.

Wilbanks was sentenced to 12 years with the Department of Corrections without benefit of probation, parole or suspension of sentence. Upon release from prison, the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for a minimum of 25 years.

Assistant District Attorney David Guidry represented the state and Judge Robert H. Morrison, III handed down the sentence. Defendant was scheduled for jury trial starting this week.

Guidry stated "I am happy that the victims and their families can put this chapter behind them and move forward with their lives. I thank them for their cooperation and willingness to appear in court and take this sex offender off our streets. The conviction was a result of excellent police work by the Juveniles Detective Division of LPSO."

The plea and sentence were agreed to by the victims' families and they were present in the courtroom, said Perrilloux.

LUCAS CONVICTION

AMITE- Julia Lucas, age 43 of Hammond, LA, pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

On May 15, 2011, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to an address on Natalbany Road in reference to an aggravated battery by stabbing.

Upon arrival, a witness on scene advised that the victim had been stabbed several times by Julia Lucas in front of the residence. She further advised due to the victim's fading condition, his brother took him to North Oaks Medical Center and he was no longer on scene. The witness also informed authorities that after the incident Lucas got into a white van and drove away.

According to police reports, Lucas's son contacted his mother for her to return to home to speak with detectives regarding the incident. Lucas advised that she was on her way back to the residence from her sister's residence.

Once Lucas arrived on scene she was taken into custody and Detectives were able to locate the knife in her van.

Lucas advised Detectives that she had been shoplifting at a store in Natalbany with her 15 year old daughter and a friend. They took their stolen merchandise to a residence in Natalbany to sell the items. When they got to the residence the victim commented that what Lucas was doing was wrong. This verbal altercation is what led Lucas to stab the victim over ten times.

Lucas, along with her daughter, then got in the van and left the area and advised that she went to her sister's residence in Ponchatoula.

While Lucas was sitting in the rear of the patrol car, she told deputies the real reason she went to her sister's residence was to see if she could buy a gun from her nephew's friend so she could go back to and shoot the victim.

Shortly after 11:00 p.m. detectives were informed by emergency room staff that the victim had died from his injuries he sustained from the stabbing.

Based on the facts and evidence outlines throughout the investigation along with statements from witnesses stating they saw Lucas stab the victim multiple times, Lucas was charged with Manslaughter on May 15, 2011.

On May 16, 2016, Julia Lucas' trial was set to begin; however, on May 17 Lucas elected to plead guilty in lieu of going to trial.

Lucas was sentenced to 30 years with the department of corrections for manslaughter. She received credit for time served, said Perrilloux.

Assistant District Attorney Blair Alford represented the state; Judge Brenda Ricks handed down the sentence.

ANDERSON SENTENCED TO 60 YEARS

AMITE- 47-year-old Maurice Anderson, of Hammond, LA, was sentenced to 60 years with the department of corrections for theft over a value of \$1,500.00 or more. Anderson is a fourth offender habitual offender.

On July 12, 1989, Anderson was convicted of felony theft under two docket numbers. On one of the counts he was sentenced to two years with the department of corrections and on the other he was sentenced to seven years with the department of corrections. Those sentences were to be served concurrently.

Anderson was convicted on March 29, 1999 of one count of simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling and one count of unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling. For each conviction, Anderson was sentenced to ten years with the department of corrections with all sentences to be served concurrently. Six years of each sentence was suspended after he was released from prison and was placed on probation for the six years remaining on each of his sentences. His probation was revoked on a March 5, 2002.

On May 12, 2003, Anderson was convicted of one count of possession or introduction of contraband in a penal institution, namely marijuana in the Twenty Second Judicial District Court in Washington Parish. He was sentenced to three years with the department of corrections. Two years of the sentence was suspended and he was placed on active probation for three years.

Anderson was again convicted on November 5, 2004 of one count of possession or introduction of contraband into a penal institution. For this conviction he was sentenced to six months with the department of corrections. This sentence was to run consecutively with any other sentence he was then serving.

Anderson was found guilty by a jury on October 22, 2014, of one count of theft over the amount of \$1,500.00. He was sentenced to 10 years with the department of corrections.

The 10 year sentence was vacated by Judge Charlotte Foster; he was then sentenced under the habitual offender bill of information.

In Judge Foster's written reasons for this sentence she stated that the defendant has an extensive criminal history dating back to pre-1987. Since 1987, the defendant has been convicted of at least 12 felony offenses and 15 misdemeanor offenses. Judge Foster stated in her reasons that she took into consideration that the defendant does not have a felony conviction that is a crime of violence, which is why she did not impose a sentence of life.

Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar represented the state and Judge Charlotte Foster handed down the sentence.

"Maurice Anderson past record and repeated offenses, despite previous convictions, made him worthy of being adjudicated under the law as a habitual offender with a lengthy prison sentence," said Perrilloux.

SELDERS SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS

Amite- Eric Selders, age 44, of pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, armed robbery, introducing or possessing contraband in any municipal or parish prison, and attempted possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and aggravated assault.

On July 29, 2012 Tangiphoa Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to an address on Mashon Road in reference to a domestic disturbance. While officers were in route to they were advised that that the suspect Eric Selders had fled the scene and that he was in a blue Oldsmobile.

While deputies were responding to the scene, they observed a blue Oldsmobile speeding traveling north bound on Old U.S. Highway 51. When attempting to make a right turn the vehicle drove into a ditch.

The male driving the vehicle was Eric Selders. Deputies advised him of his Miranda Rights and placed him into custody.

After deputies secured Selders in the rear of the patrol unit, a fully loaded black .38 Special revolver handgun was located on the ground beside the driver's door. After TPSO deputies transported Selders to the jail, they proceeded to the address on Mashon Road to meet with the victim.

The victim advised that she was sleeping when Selders had gained entry into the residence. She asked Selders to leave due to them being separated, that's when Selders reached in his back pocket and grabbed a black handgun, pushed her on the bed, pointed the gun to her face, and stated that he would kill her.

In an unrelated incident, on the night of October 15, 2013, Tangipahoa Parish Deputies were dispatched to an address on V. Lambert Road in reference to an armed robbery.

Upon arrival, the victim advised deputies that he was traveling on Newman Bridge Road when a white Ford Escape flashed their lights in efforts to flag him down. The victim stopped his vehicle to see why they were flagging him down. The victim advised that he knew the front passenger in the vehicle and identified him as James Brown. He also advised that the driver was a white male and there was a black male, later identified as Eric Selders, as a passenger in the backseat.

The victim said that he was going to show Brown some scrap metal that he was hauling to see if he wanted to buy it when Selders jumped out of the vehicle, put a gun to the victim's face and demanded money. The victim gave the Selders his wallet who then took cash from the wallet and through it on the ground. After taking the cash, Selders then jumped back in the vehicle and left.

On May 13, 2015, a jail Sargent received information in reference to Selders being in possession of a cellphone while being incarcerated at the Tangipahoa Parish Jail.

Deputies organized and performed a shakedown and set up cell sense device. During the search a blue ZTE brand, blue and black flip style cellphone was discovered. Deputies secured the cellphone for evidence.

Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar represented the state; Judge Elizabeth Wolfe handed down the sentence. Eric Selders was sentenced to 18 years with the department of corrections. Time is to be served consecutively, said Perrilloux