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FORMER CHIEF INDICTED

Former Killian Chief of Police, Dennis Hill, was indicted by a Livingston Parish Grand Jury on February 8, 2018 for one count of Malfeasance in Office.

The allegations stem from a conduct that was outlined in a Legislative Auditor's Report issued on January 3, 2018. That audit revealed evidence that Chief Hill billed the Town of Killian for hours he claimed to have worked overtime when he was actually out of state. The funds were a part of a grant funded by the state to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for overtime hours. The alleged amount of questionable overtime amounted to a total of \$994.00 over three separate occasions.

The legislative auditors also found evidence indicating that Chief Hill used the Town of Killian's fuel card to make fuel purchases that appeared to be unrelated to the town's business. This involved 15 out of state fuel purchases which totaled \$748.00.

Additionally, the audit found that there were approximately 76 traffic tickets which had been issued by the Killian Police Department which were logged in at the department and subsequently turned over to the chief. However, those same tickets were not turned over to the town clerk for proper processing. No explanation was provided by the chief as to why those tickets would have not been properly turned over to the clerk to be placed on a traffic docket.

Malfeasance in Office is a felony which is punishable with or without hard labor for up to five years and carries a possible fine of up to \$5000. The court set a \$10,000 bond on this charge.

LEJEUNE PLEAS MINUTES BEFORE TRIAL BEGINS

On February 7, 2018, a criminal jury trial for Caleb Lejeune, age 30, of Livingston, LA, was scheduled to begin when Lejeune with the advisement of his defense attorneys entered a plea of "no contest" to manslaughter and obstruction of justice in the death of Joy Messina.

On August 30, 2014, LPSO deputies were dispatched to a residence on South Satsuma Road in Livingston, LA to investigate a homicide. Deputies made entry into the residence and discovered a female on the floor with massive trauma to her throat and a trail of blood going into the bedroom. A silver pocket knife with a wooden handle was discovered behind the residence; the knife was placed into evidence and sent to Louisiana State Crime Lab for DNA testing and fingerprints.

While authorities were still investigating the homicide, Lejeune was seen passing the residence in a white vehicle when detectives conducted a traffic stop. Lejeune was advised of his Miranda Rights and placed into custody.

Caleb LeJeune was sentenced to 40 years for manslaughter and 20 years for obstruction of justice. Time is to be served consecutively, totaling 60 years of hard labor with the department of corrections. Caleb Lejeune's plea and sentence were suggested with the consent of the victim's family.

NOTABLE FEBRUARY PLEAS

William Cox, age 51, of Walker, LA, was sentenced to 20 years with the department of corrections for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substances-hydromorphone.

Dustin Gray, age 32, of Baton Rouge, LA, pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to 10 years with the department of corrections.

Stanley Morrison, age 31, of Walker, LA, pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to 12 years with the department of corrections. He received credit for time served.

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