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DA'S OFFICE TEAMS UP WITH STATE POLICE AT LORANGER HIGH SCHOOL

Amite- Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar along with Louisiana State Trooper Dustin Dwight held an open discussion with students at Loranger High School in Ms. Starkey's Law Studies class. The open discussion was to help students further understand their rights as citizens, police rights, and the stages of prosecution.

Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar along with Trooper Dustin Dwight answered questions and discussed rights during arrests, breaking down the meaning of the Miranda Rights, rights and duties during routine traffic stops, search and seizure, and differences between reasonable suspicion and probable cause.

Students discussed some of their thoughts and feelings toward the biggest concerns as far as crime in their communities and racial tension between citizens and law enforcement.

Malnar explained to students the role of the district attorney's office and talked about the different programs that are offered through the district attorney's office to assist citizens.

Throughout the class period the students were able to freely discuss their thoughts and toward the laws, police, amendments, and were able to gain clear understanding.



BEDWELL FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

Livingston- Otis Bedwell, age 68 was found guilty by a unanimous jury of three counts of indecent behavior with a juvenile.

In July of 2015 on three different occasions, Bedwell committed inappropriate sexual behavior with a 15-year-old male while doing yard work around Bedwell's property. The juvenile victim underwent a forensic interview where he disclosed the sexual encounters involving Bedwell. The victim advised authorities that Bedwell told him not to tell anyone about the incidents and he would give him \$20.00 after every incident for him not to tell.

During the trial, the state introduced facts that revealed that Bedwell had previously been convicted of two sexual offenses which occurred in the 1980's and 90's and left behind a string of teenage male victims.

In September of 1979, The Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) received a complaint from Bedwell's neighbor stating that Bedwell grabbed the genital area of a 15-year-old male and repeatedly propositioned him to perform oral sex. The neighbor was concerned because at this time Bedwell was a foster parent. The investigation came to an end because Bedwell removed himself as a foster parent.

In September of 1989; Bedwell was arrested for Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile, this incident occurred during an overnight camping trip. Bedwell had inappropriately touched a 14-year-old male and requested that juvenile perform oral sex on him. This matter went to trial and Bedwell was found guilty in January of 1992 in the Twenty-First Judicial District Court.

The third incident, took place July of 1994, Bedwell was arrested for pandering. This incident involved the defendant soliciting two teenagers, brother and sister, ages' 15 and 16 years old, to perform oral sex on him for \$20.00. Bedwell pleaded no contest to prostitution in the Twenty-First Judicial Court.

In January of 2003; Bedwell approached a male and quickly pulled down his pants and engaged in oral sexual conduct without the victim's consent. Bedwell pleaded guilty to obscenity in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court in July of 2007.

Formal sentencing for Otis Bedwell is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2016.