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Message: During today's pre-dawn hours, several teams of St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Detectives and Deputies fanned out across the parish to execute dozens of arrest warrants in a one year long undercover drug operation entitled Operation Krewe of Dope. This is in conjunction with the upcoming mardi gras holiday.

As of early this afternoon, well over 50 suspects have been arrested from every community in the parish for street level drug dealing including marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy, oxycodone, and heroin. Most of the charges include the distribution of the above controlled dangerous drugs. All in all, we are seeking to arrest nearly 100 individuals and will continue our attempts to locate all of them until they are in custody. The vast majority of these wanted individuals also have extensive arrest records as repeat offenders and we are hopeful they can be removed from our streets for a substantial period of time.

This operation has been conducted with the assistance of you, the citizens of St. Charles Parish as a result of your tips and information provided to us via email, crimestoppers and our hotline. You also need to know that some of the drug trafficking you may have noticed yourselves could well have been our undercover detectives actually making documented street buys of illegal narcotics as a result.

Under law, all arrestees are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

"Protecting and Serving the citizens of St. Charles Parish."

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