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Crimestoppers Tip Leads to Identification and Arrest of Belle Chasse Convenience Store Armed Robbery Suspect

Plaquemines Parish Sheriff Lonnie Greco reports that the suspect who committed an armed robbery at a Belle Chasse convenience store last week has been identified and arrested. The identification and arrest was made as the result of a Crimestoppers tip that was provided over the weekend.

Domonique E. Battle, 26, of 2611 Bristol Place in Algiers, has been booked as a Plaquemines Parish fugitive in Jefferson Parish. He remains in the custody of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO) without bond on an arrest warrant charging him with armed robbery.

Battle is the same individual who escaped from the custody of JPSO deputies this past Saturday morning (March 19) while being treated at University Medical Center in New Orleans for heroin ingestion. Battle faces aggravated escape and battery on an officer charges in New Orleans in connection with that incident.

In November 2012, Battle also escaped from the custody of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office while being held at Orleans Parish Prison on an unrelated drug charge. He was arrested the day after that escape in Algiers. Battle was later convicted of simple escape and sentenced to 2½ years in prison.



Domonique E. Battle

Sheriff Greco said, "I would like to thank the person who called Crimestoppers and provided the tip that led us to arrest this very dangerous and violent criminal. His crimes not only affected the citizens of Plaquemines Parish, but those in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes as well. The entire New Orleans metropolitan area is safer because he is behind bars."

On Saturday morning (March 19), the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office received a Crimestoppers tip indicating that Battle was the individual who committed the Wednesday, March 16 Belle Chasse convenience store armed robbery.

During the subsequent investigation, Plaquemines detectives learned that the afternoon following the robbery (March 17), Battle was dressed in the same clothing he wore when he committed the crime, and he was also in possession of money believed to have been taken during the robbery.

On Saturday morning, Plaquemines detectives discovered that Battle was in the custody of the JPSO on unrelated drug charges. Plaquemines Parish detectives subsequently obtained an arrest warrant on Battle for armed robbery. He was later booked by JPSO detectives at the Jefferson Parish Correction Center for the warrant.

Investigators learned that when Battle was booked into custody at the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center on March 17, he was believed to have been still wearing the same clothing he wore when he committed the Belle Chasse armed robbery. Plaquemines Parish detectives coordinated with JPSO detectives and a search warrant was obtained for his clothing, which were seized as evidence.

Authorities believe Battle committed the armed robbery to support a heroin addiction.

Battle will eventually be transferred to the custody of the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office to formally be booked on the armed robbery charge.

Anyone with additional information on the Belle Chasse robbery is asked to contact Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office Detective Holly Hardin at 504-564-2525.

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