

Law Enforcement Arrest 21 in Stevendale Area Neighborhood Initiative

The East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office along with the Baton Rouge City Constables Office, Probation and Patrol and the EBR District Attorney's Office carried out a neighborhood initiative Wednesday evening in the Stevendale area to create a safer environment for residents that resulted in approximately 21 arrests and the clearing of 99 outstanding warrants that ranged from traffic violations to drug possession.

During the initiative, deputies arrested Jonathan LeDuff, 18, of 3013 Toronto as a Fugitive from Baton Rouge City Court, Possession of Schedule I Marijuana and Possession of firearm with Controlled Dangerous Substance. Law Enforcement went to LeDuff's residence for an outstanding Constable Office traffic warrant when they then smelled a strong odor of marijuana and observed it in plain view. While searching the residence law enforcement also located a black AK-47. (booking photo and gun photo attached)

Natalie Accardo, 33, of 12443 Lorna was also arrested for Possession of Schedule II, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Fugitive from BRCCO and Fugitive from Zachary. During a traffic-safety checkpoint, Accardo opened her car door to get her identification and law enforcement smelled the odor of marijuana. With her consent, they searched the vehicle and located a medicine bottle without any labels containing 11 adderall pills, one clear plastic bag containing suspected marijuana, and one multi-colored smoking device containing suspected marijuana residue. (booking photo attached)

This is one of many initiatives for the Sheriff's Office. Similar initiatives in other areas collectively resulted in hundreds of arrests and cleared more than 1,000 outstanding warrants. (numbers attached)

The Sheriff's Office will also host a community event for the Stevendale area on Saturday, October 23rd at 10 a.m. at the BREC

Park on Hamilton Avenue. There will be free food and drinks as well as games for the kids. (flyer attached)

The agencies conducted criminal patrols, bike patrols, traffic safety checkpoints and foot patrols going door to door in the various area talking to residents in an effort to foster a safer environment in the neighborhood. Divisions represented from the Sheriff's Office were Community Policing Unit, K-9, Detectives, Narcotics, SCAT, Armed Robbery and Burglary, Auto Theft, Financial Crimes, Warrants, Civil and representatives from each substation. Supervisors, including Sheriff Gautreaux, colonels, majors and captains from each division were present.