Two Arrested in Independence-area Drug Bust

INDEPENDENCE (*November 4, 2026*)- The TPSO has arrested a convicted felon and his girlfriend in a narcotics investigation that stemmed from a multi-agency auto-theft investigation.

Javorius Jones, 23, has been booked on two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Schedule I Narcotic as well as one count each of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of Weapons While in Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession with Intent to Distribute a Schedule II Narcotic, Sale, Distribution or Possession of a Legend Drug Without Prescription, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting an Officer, Alteration/Removal of VIN Numbers Prohibited, Filing False Affidavit to Support Alleged Auto Theft, Injuring Public Records, Insurance Fraud, Obstruction of Justice (Evidence Tampering) and Battery of a Dating Partner.

Allisha Baker, 24, has been booked on one count each of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Schedule I Narcotic, Possession with Intent to Distribute a Schedule II Narcotic, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, October 23, a search warrant was served at an address on Velma Road in Amite in collaboration with Baton Rouge Police Department, Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, and Louisiana State Police. While the operation was focused on the recovery of stolen vehicles, guns and drugs were located throughout the residence. In total, dozens of vapes and THC cartridges, multiple bags of suspected MDMA, cocaine, marijuana, various paraphernalia and distribution-related materials as well as multiple firearms were discovered.

Jones and Baker were at the home at the time of the operation and were both taken into custody in connection with the initial stolen vehicle investigation and the subsequent weapons and drugs case. Both investigations are ongoing.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about this case or these suspects to contact TPSO's Criminal Investigations Division at 985-902-2088. If you prefer to share that information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! Tips submitted directly through Crimestoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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