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Suspicious van in area, be aware, call 911

A suspicious white van followed a basketball bus and fans from Delhi to Jonesville on January 4, 2022. According to Detective Bubba Roy a call was received at 9:40 P.M. to report the incident.

A black male wearing a blue jacket and blue beanie was driving the van. The Tennessee license plate number is 7J59S7. If you have any information, please contact Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office at 318-744-5411.

In what could be an unrelated case, Ferriday Police Department made a Facebook post warning citizens to be cautious and to pay attention to their surroundings. A white van has been seen following school buses, lone women, and exhibiting suspicious behavior. Ferriday Police Department can be contacted at 318-757-3606 or call 911.

It can be very frightening to be followed. If you believe someone is following you make sure your doors are locked and your windows are up and keep driving. Take a different route you do not want the person stalking you to know where you live.

Do not panic and call 911. If you believe you are in danger, it is best to call the police right away. Drive to a public place where there are lots of people. The best public place to go is the nearest police station. Stay in your locked car until a police officer is outside with you.



2021 CPSO arrest re-cap



Pictured at left are: K-9 Officer Wes White, Officer Bear, Sheriff Toney Edwards.

The year 2021 was a busy year for the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office as deputies and detectives worked diligently to keep our community safe from crime.

Catahoula Parish Sheriff Toney Edwards has reported that from the date of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 there has been a total of 585 arrest. Sheriff Edwards advised that after breaking down the arrest we have had the following arrest:

26 driving under suspension, 17 involving driving under the influence, 14 involving assault, 3 involving arson, 20 involving battery, 12 involving theft, 24 involving disturbing the peace, 202 drug related, 32 involving domestic violence, 19 involving open container, 1 involving attempted 1st degree murder, 2 involving 2nd degree murder, 5 involving flight from an officer, 6 involving trespassing, 37 for out of parish warrants, 114 for failure to appear warrants, 3 for failure to register as a sex offender, 5 involving cruelty to juveniles, 19 involving introduction of contraband, 19 involving careless/reckless operation, 5 involving criminal mischief and also numerous traffic violations.

Sheriff Edwards stated, "I am proud of the deputies of Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office as they have worked hard to keep our parish safe, and look forward to keeping our parish safe throughout the 2022."

School Board's first meeting in 2022: Officers and tax election results

January's first regular School Board Meeting in 2022 started with a prayer and pledge. The first agenda item was to reorganize the Board. A motion was made by Dorothy Watson to leave the board's officers and committee members as they are. Her motion was seconded by Jane Martin, and it passed with no discussion. Directly afterwards, Dewey Stockman was sworn in as the School Board's president for 2022.

On the third agenda item, the board unanimously adopted a resolution declaring January 2022, as School Board Member Recognition Month.

Next, the board viewed the results from District #10 and District #25 tax elections which were held on December 11. District #10's election failed with 204 yes votes and 225 no votes. District #25's election passed with 20 yes votes and 4 no votes.

On the last agenda item, the Board entered into an executive session. The public meeting lasted 23 minutes and 43 seconds.

Police Jury reinstates Sones, Evans, and Mizell



2022 Police Jury Officers: Vice President Jerel Evans, Secretary Patti Mizell, President Harold Sones

At Monday's regular Police Jury Meeting, the jury re-elected Harold Sones as their President with a nomination from Rodney Sones and seconded by Jeffery Estes. Jerel Evans was re-elected Vice-President, and Patti Mizell was appointed as Secretary for a two-year term.

On agenda items 11 and 12 the jury opened and accepted grader blade bids.

On item 18, the jury discussed

a letter to residents on garbage pickup. Harold Sones explained letters will be sent out informing everyone on the rules and regulations that come along with their new billing and the garbage cans being supplied. Deborah McCormick made a motion to send the letter and was seconded by Jeffery Estes.

Afterwards, the jury approved the request for bids from Franklin Parish for new garbage

carts.

Before closing the public meeting, it was announced that the 2022 meeting dates will still be every second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

The jury closed the meeting to the public and entered into an executive session. The public meeting lasted 14 minutes and 14 seconds with 25 items on the agenda.

Election day reminders

BATON ROUGE, La. Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin is reminding everyone that Saturday, Jan. 15 is Election Day for the Special General Catahoula Parish Police Juror, Dist. 3 Election.

In preparation for the election, Secretary Ardoin encourages voters to remember:

- The deadline to request an absentee ballot was Tuesday, Jan. 11 by 4:30 p.m. Voted absentee ballots must be returned to the parish registrar of voters office by Friday, Jan. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

- Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Election Day. Anyone in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

- Voters can find

their polling location and sample ballot by downloading the GeauxVote Mobile app for smartphones or by visiting www.GeauxVote.com.

- Voters may also utilize the virtual voter assistant, GeauxBot, to access pertinent election information. GeauxBot is accessible by visiting voterportal.sos.la.gov or by selecting Elections and Voting on sos.la.gov.

- Voters can sign up for text alerts via GeauxVote Mobile.

- Voters should bring an ID with them to vote (Louisiana driver's license, Louisiana Special ID card, a generally recognized picture identification card with name and signature such as

a passport or a digital license via LA Wallet). Voters without an ID will be required to fill out an affidavit but will be allowed to vote.

- Election results can be viewed in real-time via GeauxVote Mobile or at www.sos.la.gov.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Elections Division polling commissioners will be supplied with

personal protective equipment and will regularly sanitize designated areas and voting machines between each voter. Hand sanitizer will be provided to voters and masks are recommended, although not required.

For more information, please contact our Elections Division at 800.883.2805 or elections@sos.la.gov.

District 3 votes SATURDAY January 15, 2022



Special Election Police Juror District 3 January 15, 2022 Election

Candidates:

Judia "Judy" Duhon #5

Deborah L. McCormack #3