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News Release

Captain Pat Yoes
Public Information Officer

The person(s) whose name(s) appear in this release has/have been booked/cited for, not convicted of, the offense(s) shown. All accused persons should be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

January 13, 2011

ARRESTEE (Name, Age, Sex): Awad, Maher Adnan, 37, M

ADDRESS: 126 Lakewood Drive #54 Luling, LA

CHARGE(S): Poss. with Intent SCH I - bath salts

PLACE OF ARREST: 1364 LA 52

DATE OF ARREST: 1-12-11/0029 hrs.

ITEM NO.: A-00952-11

ARRESTEE (Name, Age, Sex): Hammad, Khaled Awad, 46, M

ADDRESS: 126 Lakewood Drive #54 Luling, LA

CHARGE(S): Poss. with Intent SCH I - Bath Salts

PLACE OF ARREST: 1364 LA 52

DATE OF ARREST: 1-12-11/0029 hrs.

ITEM NO.: A-00952-11

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that the above subjects were arrested after officers executed a search at their business, which is located at Birdie's Shell Station, 1364 LA 52 in Luling, Louisiana. During the execution of the search warrant officers located a large amount of bath salt packets. During the investigation it was learned that Awad and Hammad were selling the bath salt packets out of their business even after having knowledge that these items were declared illegal on January 7, 2011, by the Governor of Louisiana. Both subjects were arrested and booked accordingly. Hamad was released on January 12th by posting a \$1,500 bond and Awad was released on January 12th by posting a \$2,500 bond.

Sheriff's office detectives seized an estimated retail value of \$14,736.21 from businesses who voluntarily surrendered the product upon the Governor's Order. This includes approximately \$7,000 in product seized in the above case.