

MOTORISTS STRUCK BY WATER **JUGS COULD HAVE TURNED FATAL**

Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley reports three arrest following water jug throwing incidents.

On August 17 at 11:30 pm a motorist was traveling on Highway 44 near Rustling Oak Subdivision when her vehicle was struck by an unknown object. After making a very loud noise on impact the motorist discovered water dripping from her vehicle and her driver's side mirror was broken off.

On August 27 around 9:00 pm a second motorist was traveling down Highway 621 near Mire Road when an oncoming vehicle with its bright lights on threw an object shattering the motorists' windshield and causing injury to the driver. Acadian ambulance was dispatched to treat the driver for cuts and imbedded glass. During the course of the investigation a one gallon water jug was found at the scene to be the object that caused the damage.

On the same night at approximately 9:30 pm a third motorist was traveling down Highway 933 near Magnolia Run Subdivision when that vehicle was struck by an object causing what sounded like an explosion. A one gallon water jug was found on that scene as well and the vehicle sustained damage to the drivers front ¼ panel.

During the course of the investigation, with the over whelming concern and assistance from our citizen's detectives were able to develop sufficient reasonable suspicion to question three suspects identified as Chance Lambert, James McCormack, and Layne Goodman. As a result of them being questioned all three were arrested.

On August 29 James Edward McCormack, 17, of 18256 Log Cabin Road, Prairieville was arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated criminal damage to property.

On August 29 Layne Michael Goodman, 18, of 42116 Norwood Road, Gonzales was arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated criminal damage to property.

On August 29 Chance Michael Lambert, 19, of 17381 17381 Penn Blvd., Prairieville was arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated criminal damage to property.

Pending further investigation into this matter, additional charges may be forthcoming.

Judge Jessie Leblanc has set the bond at \$105,000 for each offender.