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.com/ Nola.com/Weist-Dat	nk   nola.com/plaquemines	expected to	was so minimal." Masinter said Hoffman has	believed to be cooperating with authorities.	when he became aware of po sible illegal activity.
TOPLING		be extended	spoken several times over the past six months with feder- al investigators, though never	tenced June 12. Sens, like Hoff-	All told, Sens and Hoffma are alleged to have received mon than \$67,000 in kickbacks, th
IKHNIS	GREATER NEW	HOFFMAN, from B-1	before a grand jury.  "It was not Mr. Hoffman's	prison under the charge.	bulk of it to Sens. Sens resigned from the She
II(LIIU)	ORLEANS	on a list to receive a liver trans-		close friend and political ally	last month, days before feder
IN METRO NEWS		plant, said his attorney Milton Masinter. Masinter confirmed what	Masinter said he thinks Hoff-		prosecutors filed a bill of inform tion against him. The black eye on the Sherifi
Harvey man is found guilty	Harvey man is found guilty in Gretna slaying		the ball forward to the next level" in the federal probe, but declined	administration. Richard Molenaar III, a con-	Office comes as Gusman faces heated legal and public challeng
A Harvey man was convicted Thursday of killing a man in his Gretna home while seeking the gunman who murdered his brother. Der-		nessman B is John Killeen, own- er of Palmyra Electrical Contrac- tors of Kenner, which did signifi-	information could lead higher in	John Sens with \$25,000 in free	from Mayor Mitch Landrieu, wh is fighting to avoid a stiff bill the city for proposed fixes to the
rick Francois, 28, faces mandator of second-degree murder. He also	y life in prison for his conviction	cant work for the Sheriff's Office from 2006 to 2009.		in Waveland, Miss. — and who	Orleans Parish jail. In legal filings, Landrieu ha
for his conviction of witness intimi of killing Chandrick "Smurf" Harri	s, 28, in the bedroom of Harris'	Under the scheme, contrac- tors would submit real bids	government wants to go," he said.	in the charging papers — also is very close to Gusman.	argued for a federal takeover the jail operation, rather than
Weyer Street home on April 28, 24 of his brother, Delast Francois, 23 the day before, Francois barged i	, who was gunned down in Gretna	to the Sheriff's Office under their company names, along with phony, higher bids under	sentencing guidelines will call for		pending federal consent decre saying Gusman can't be truste to properly spend existing cit
mother and went to Harris' bedro abouts of his brother's killer, auth	om, believing he knew the where- orities said. Harris was killed by a	other local business names, in a scheme aimed at fulfilling	in prison. Last week, former Sher-	against various contractors and possibly other Sheriff's Office	funds, "let alone any addition funds that the court may order
"clean, perfect shot to the temple Clauss, who prosecuted with Davi		a requirement for three com- petitive bids.  Masintersaid Thursday morn-	iff's Purchasing Director John Sens pleaded guilty to the same charge. Sens is accused of tak-	Gusman has said he has coop-	the future." Gusman has responded the Landrieu is trying to shirk th
MARRERO	NEW ORLEANS	ing that Hoffman admits taking the gratuities, but downplayed	ing \$30,000 in cash, \$25,000 in	ties in their request for records.	city's responsibility to pay for inmate care. The jail fixes an
Uncle extradited	20-year-old booked in	their value, as well as Hoffman's role in the broader scheme.	scheme.	grand jury.	intended to bring the notorious troubled jail facility up to const
to face rape charges  Thirteen years after a nervous	Xavier student's death Police on Tuesday booked 20-year-	"He had only so much	Both Hoffman and Sens	Gusman has said he is	tutional muster.
Marrero fifth-grader passed a note to a D.A.R.E. officer revealing her	old Glynn Hawkins on a charge of second-degree murder in the death	Fight started	his girlfriend did, too, witnesses		over. The two men scuffled, bu
molestation at the hands of her uncle, investigators have returned the suspect to Jefferson Parish to	of Bertrand Dezara III, a Xavier University freshman. Dezara was found dead around 2:50 p.m. on	over T-shirts	testified. She called Elliot and two teen girls with her names. Sabrina Elliott marched out-	. Joseph Evans arrived and got between the women, still arguing, and tried to calm them	Butler grabbed it. He ran bac and unloaded the clip. Father and son were sho
face those allegations and much more. The girl's uncle was extra-	March 9. His body was lying face- down, shot multiple times, outside	MURDER, from B-1	side, trailed by the teenagers, to tell Butler's girlfriend not to	down. Butler made a vulgar suggestion to Sabrina Elliott,	several times and died in the apartment's hallway. The three
dited from Houston and booked Wednesday at the Jefferson Parish	an apartment complex in the 5100 block of Bundy Road in eastern	A to be the constitutional and the constitution of the constitutio	talk to her daughters that way. The two women began "fuss-	witnesses testified. Her son confronted him. Sabrina Elliott grabbed	other men ran away.  Tate disposed of the weap ons, he testified.
Correctional Center in Gretna with seven counts of aggravated incest and other charges related to the	New Orleans, police said. Though Dezara's family members said they didn't know Hawkins, they said they	argument. Sabrina Elliott, the 17-year- old's mother, and some of her	ing," according to testimony.  Butler was accompanied by two long-time friends, Joseph	a stick, some said, others described it as a 2-by-4. She	He was originally charge with second-degree murde
rapes of four nieces and one addi- tional victim, according to arrest	had heard the killing was possibly motivated by gang rivalries. They	children lived in the same building as Butler, on the 2800	Tate and Paul Robert. Tate, then 20, testified this week that	swung it at Butler's girlfriend, hit her and broke her finger.	along with Butler. He pleade guilty Monday to two counts
and court records. NOLA.com and The Times-Picayune is not identify- ing the 52-year-old man to protect	denied, however, that Dezara was affiliated with a gang, also empha- sizing that he had no criminal	block of St. Louis Street. Both families were home that night, watching the Saints game.	he worried they'd have a fist- fight, so he took the gun out of his waistband and set it on a		the reduced charge of accessor to murder, and now faces ju- five years in prison. Butler
the identities of his victims. He was living in Harvey before he fled the	history.	In Butler's apartment, he and his friends were drinking	table. He carried a gun, he tes- tified, because he dealt drugs.	crowd. The gun jammed. Evans tried to herd his family inside.	attorney, Don Donnelly, called "the deal of a lifetime." He han
area, according to Jefferson Parish Court records. The man is accused	Mayor to hold meeting on racial profiling next week	Long Island iced teas and mak- ing T-shirts, which they intend- ed to take to Bourbon Street		Tate then passed by to see if anyone was hit in the initial shot, he testified. He saw the	mered Tate on his story — very different version of event that the one he'd originally to
of molesting four of his biological nieces between 1995 and 1997. A fifth victim doesn't appear to be	Mayor Mitch Landrieu has set a date next week for a public meeting	and sell after the game. They began arguing over the shirts	to come over with his father,	father and son standing there at the gate. The 17-year-old boy	police in a taped statemen He'd told police he'd never hel
related.  OLD METAIRIE	on racial profiling and police reform requested by the local branch of the	and decided to take it outside.  Upstairs, the Elliott fam-	Butler, overhearing this con- versation, suspected the men would come armed, according	asked him if he intended to kill him. Tate said "no," he testified.	a gun that day. Then he testified that he'd provided them both.
20-year-old arrested in	NAACP. In a statement, the mayor said that he and senior police lead-	ily heard the commotion and watched from the window. Butler noticed them. Then	to testimony. So he picked up	But Butler ran to Robert for a second gun. Robert testified that he didn't want to turn it	Donnelly noted that nearl every witness gave account that conflicted.
theft of copper from homes	ers will hold a two-hour discussion at First Emmanuel Baptist Church in Central City on Monday start-				
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office detectives have arrested a man accused of stripping copper down-	ing at 6 p.m. The meeting comes as the New Orleans Police Depart-	Jury was shown		pointed to the genetic material from another person that	Festival's noise
spouts of homes in Old Metairie. Sean Boudreaux, 20, was arrested	ment faces renewed scrutiny over its use of "stop and frisk" methods, which have raised questions about	graphic photos	The girl was taken by ambulance to Children's Hos-	was mixed with her blood — prosecutors said that could	plagues residents
after his mother identified him in video surveillance camera footage from a victim's residence, accord-	whether officers tend to single out black men as suspicious. Reports	RAPE from B-1	she confided to a doctor and	have happened when a crime scene technician sneezed on the evidence.	SOUND, from B-1
ing to arrest reports. Boudreaux is accused of taking downspouts from	last week by the city's independent inspector general and police moni- tor argued that too little data exists	for the rape and 25 years to 99 years for the sexual battery.	"He tore her up," Assis- tant District Attorney Rachel	He accused the detectives of "feeding" Licona details and	resident Edna Centola told th
two residences on West William  David Parkway, a house on Hec-	to know whether racial profiling goes on, and that officers receive	Judge Ross LaDart of the 24th Judieial District Court is scheduled to sentence Licona		of using pressure tactics to get him to give the statement.  "The bottom line is, the	station that the noise was unbear able. "It sounded like it was right in the house with you," she said
tor Avenue and a fourth house on Rosa Drive, according to incident reports. The first reported thefts	too little training to prevent it. Last week, Danatus King, president of the NAACP's local branch,	on April 22. As she left the courtroom,	"They had to call in a special- ist because they did not know	evidence doesn't fit the sto- ry they're trying to sell you,"	"You didn't sleep, I did not sleep; all. I was up until after midnight
occurred on Dec. 15. Boudreaux told detectives he didn't recall	approached the mayor's office with a request for a community discus-	the child's tearful mother scowled at Licona, who showed no outward emotion when the	The jury was shown graph-	Sauviac said Thursday. "Not guilty. He didn't do it. There's no evidence that he did it."	Palmer said Thursday motion and Friday's meeting ar first steps "toward a more con
stealing a downspout from the Hec- tor Avenue house, but he admitted taking them from other homes in	sion on the issue. Landrieu, in turn, has asked NAACP officials to get	verdict was announced.  The girl, now 6, was raped	enough to cause a man on the	Shute, in response, called some defense claims "beyond	prehensive permitting proces for outdoor music." She said on
the area, the arrest report said. Boudreaux, of 3029 Edenborn Ave.,	involved with his administration's campaign to reduce the city's homi- cide rate, "NOLA for Life."	on July 11, 2011, in her Kenner home. Licona, whose relation-	from the jury, and LaDart	comprehension" and left jurors with the recording of Licona,	problem is that "sound moves a different rate and amplification"
Metairie, was booked with four counts of theft.	WESTWEGO	ship to the girl is being with- held to protect her identity, brought her to the master bed-	request for a mistrial.	in which he appeared to leave his victim and her mother with an explanation.	tion" over a flat surface such a the Mississippi River. Councilwoman Jackie Clarl
st. bernard Narcotics unit makes	GCC toll renewal takes	room to commit the act. In the process, specks of her blood	defended Licona with Douglas McGinity, assailed the investi-	"I made a mistake," Licona said.	son added that "sound ove water gets louder when the riv
marijuana-related arrests	spotlight at political forum Crescent Gity Connection toll	got onto his boxer shorts, giv- ing prosecutors DNA evidence to show the jury.		"If I could go back and just stop what happened, I would do it in a heartbeat. I never	er gets quieter," such as whe ship traffic decreases at nigh She said another problem aros
The St. Bernard Parish sheriff's narcotics unit made six marijuana	renewal was the hot-button topic Wednesday night at a political forum	Instead of taking her to a hospital, he bathed her in	officers would have found blood.	meant to hurt you. I don't know what happened, babe. It	when the BUKU festival featured music from disc jockey
distribution arrests during the past week, Sheriff James Pohlmann	sponsored the Jefferson Voters Federation, an anti-toll group whose members grilled candidates on the	an attempt to wash the blood away, prosecutors argued. The girl's mother learned	have injured herself playing	hurts me to see you crying. It hurts me to see you bleeding. It hurts me to see your mother	She said she knows from experience in the French Quarte that "the disc jockeys' amplif
announced on Wednesday. Depu- ties pulled over three New Orleans family members, apparently on	topic as they seek election next month in Westwego's mayoral and	of what she thought was an injury and rushed her to East	was found in her bedroom. Of the child's DNA found on	crying and worrying. It hurts me to know that everything I	cation is more highly person fied and carries louder tha
their way to shop at the Wal-Mart in Chalmette, for running a red light	City Council races. While the fed- eration handed out endorsements in the Westwego races, the group	Jefferson General Hospital,		did in there."	live bands."
and found 5.4 ounces of marijuana, worth \$3,900 on the street, a shot-	also solicited ammunition in the fight against toll renewal: Political sup-	Attorney says	the money was a personal loan,	property's worth at \$235,000 in	Westside Construction Servi
gun hidden under a pile of clothes and \$1,991 in cash in the vehicle, according to the Sheriff's Office.	port. Voters in Westwego go to the polls April 6 to decide the mayor and council races. In the mayoral	lot was worth	and that he did nothing improp- er and stopped commenting on	February 2011, when she trans- ferred the lot to a corporation	es Inc., a firm owned by River Birch's chief financial office
Deputies could smell the marijuana as they approached the car about	race, all three candidates went on record saying they opposed the	\$280,000	the landfill after receiving the money. In a statement issued through	under her control, N.H. Rhett LLC, parish records show. Separately, the parish Asses-	Dominick Fazzio.  Robinette used the same firm in May 2012 to repay the loan
11 a.m. on March 15 on West Judge Perez Drive in Arabi. The shot- gun apparently belonged to the	tolls, which perhaps was expected, as the Jefferson Voters Federa-	ROBINETTE, from B-1	his attorney Lewis Unglesby on March 8, the day federal prose-	sor's Office valued the lot at	when Rhett transferred to Wes side Construction ownershi
U apper onting contingous to the	tion is on record opposing the tolls.  Every candidate who appeared before the federation signed affi-		cutors suddenly announced they were ending the River Birch	which was based on 2011 sales. But Unglesby — taking issue	of her corporation, N.H. Rhe LLC, which owned the Coving
driver, Maurice Rothschild, 20, of the 1900 block of Iberville Street,	davits, except for one. Courtney	of the property last year, and that documents attesting to that will be filed with the proper gov-	ecutors "for reaching the right		ton lot. Fazzio's attorney, Arthu "Buddy" Lemann, said last yea
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