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For Immediate Release:

James M. Jones of Brookhaven, Mississippi was set for trial today, March 13, 2018, but, instead, he opted to plead guilty to the following charges:

1. Possession With Intent to Distribute Marijuana in excess of two and one-half (2 ½) pounds.
2. Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine 75.22 gg.
3. Possession With Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine 412.20 gg.
4. Felon with a Firearm
5. Illegally Carrying a Weapon While in Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance: Marijuana, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine.

Jones received a fifteen (15) year sentence without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence on EACH of the drug charges and the Felon with a Firearm charge. He received a ten (10) year sentence without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence on the charge of Illegally Carrying a Weapon While in Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance: Marijuana, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine.

Jones faces a ten year sentence for a parole violation in the state of Mississippi, as well as twelve (12) new felony charges in Mississippi that he was running from when he came to Lafourche Parish to begin his drug enterprises. The Mississippi charges include aggravated assault, eight (8) counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, felon with a firearm, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, and shooting into a dwelling.

Jones will have to serve his Louisiana sentence first before going to Mississippi to face his ten (10) year parole revocation and the twelve (12) new felony charges.

Heather M. Hendrix prosecuted the case and said, "To say that this is a bad dude is an understatement. Jones, a supposed member of the Vice Lord gang, was running from some serious Mississippi charges while already on parole in that state and he picked the town of Galliano to set up shop. He ran drugs between Mississippi and Lafourche Parish and he was here only about a month when deputies with the Lafourche Parish Water Patrol and Drug Task Force busted him. The quick actions and phenomenal work of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office took a major player off the bayou!"