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MEDIA ALERT

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Crimestoppers announces a reward increase in the kidnapping/murder of 19 year old Fitzgerald Philips and

19 year old Calysse Perkins.

Crimestoppers has raised the reward to up to **\$5,000** for information which leads to the arrest and indictment of the suspect(s) responsible for this crime. Callers do not have to give their name or testify to

be eligible for the cash reward. Callers must contact Crimestoppers directly at (504) 822-1111.

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**From:** Garry G. Flot [mailto:ggflot@cityofno.com]  
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## **Suspect Arrested For Kidnapping**

New Orleans, LA – Member of the New Orleans Police Department's Major Narcotics Unit, Vice Squad along with the Federal Bureau of Investigations have arrested 22-year-old Kenneth Barnes of 2526 Barracks Street one of the suspects wanted in connection with the kidnapping of 19-year-old Fitzgerald Philips and 19-year-old Calysse Perkins, both New Orleans residents, who were kidnapped April 19 2009.

According to investigators, today at approximately 2:30 A.M., a ransom demand was called from Mr. Phillips cell phone to a family member. According to a witness, Mr. Phillips was inside Miss Perkins apartment, when two unknown black males entered the apartment and ransacked the interior of the apartment. The suspects forced the two victims out of the apartment and into Mr. Phillips vehicle. The suspects then forced the victims to drive to Mr. Phillips residence where the suspects stole some items from his residence and departed the area.

The vehicle belonging to Mr. Phillips, which was described as a 2008 Black Nissan Maxima bearing Louisiana license plate SKK040 was located at about 1:00 P.M., on North Dorgenois Street near Barracks Street and received information that an individual involved in the incident was inside of 2526 Barracks Street. Detectives entered the house and detained Barnes. Barnes was interviewed and booked with illegal possession of stolen things, home invasion, felon with a firearm, illegal carrying of a weapon with narcotics, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, aggravated kidnapping and probation violation.

Today at approximately 2:00 P.M., Detectives received information that the victims were inside of an abandon house located in the 2900 block of Broadway Street. Members of the New Orleans Police Department, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Louisiana Search and Rescue Dog Team found the two victims shot inside of the abandon house.

The Coroners Office arrived on the scene, conducted their investigation and will perform an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

Currently investigators are in the process of gathering evidence and information to identify the persons responsible for this incident. Homicide Detective Kevin Burns is in charge of the investigation. Citizens with information that can help solve this crime are asked to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 822-1111, toll-free 1-877-903-STOP (7867). You could receive a cash reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the responsible person(s). You do not have to give your name nor testify to receive the reward.

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Officer Garry Flot