

January 26, 2009

Suspect Arrested for Attempted Rape and Aggravated Burglaries

New Orleans, LA -The New Orleans Police Department announces the arrest of 22-year-old Christopher Cyrus. Cyrus was wanted in connection with the attempted aggravated rape of a local female, two (2) aggravated burglaries, and one (1) residential burglary, all which occurred during last week.

In a joint effort between members of the New Orleans Police Department's Special Operations Division, First Police District, Traffic Division, and the U.S. Marshall's Task Force, working off a CRIMESTOPPERS tip, located Cyrus at the intersection of South Broad and Ursuline Streets. The officers received a CRIMESTOPPER tip that Cyrus was in the area, the officer's went to the location and was able to arrest Cyrus without incident today, January 26, 2009, at about 12:00P.M.

This arrest is the result of the quick response and joint effort of the New Orleans Police Department and the U.S. Marshall's Task Force, CRIMESTOPPERS, and the citizens who continue to call in and give information to help solve crimes.

According to investigators, the perpetrator entered the victim's home in the 2800 block of Maurepas Street, armed with a beer bottle. Once inside, the suspect attacked the victim with the beer bottle and attempted to rape the victim. During the struggle, the victim bit the suspect on the hand, causing him to flee the residence.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, detectives were able to positively identify Christopher Cyrus as being responsible for this crime. During the course of that investigation, detectives also positively identify Cyrus in an aggravated burglary, which occurred in the 900 block of Taft Street, shortly after 5:30A.M. January 24, 2009.

In this incident, Cyrus entered the victim's home through a window while the victim was asleep. Cyrus grabbed the victim, and tried to restrain her, however, the victim was able to break free from Cyrus. The victim then attempted to escape through a window, as Cyrus took several items from the residence before fleeing on foot to an unknown location.

Christopher Cyrus was identified in another aggravated burglary, which occurred in the 800 block of Olga Street, shortly after 7:00A.M. on January 24, 2009. In this incident, Cyrus entered the victim's home through a backdoor armed with a handgun. When approached by the victim, Cyrus demanded money and the keys to the victim's vehicle. In fear for his life, the victim gave Cyrus an undisclosed amount of cash and the keys to his vehicle. The vehicle was later recovered at the intersection of Annette and Rocheblave Streets.

Christopher Cyrus was also positively identified in the January 22, 2009 residential burglary that occurred in the 2700 block of Bell Street. In this case, Cyrus entered the residence and took an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency.

Arrested: Christopher Cyrus, 6'0, 150lbs.
African American male, 7/24/1986
6925 Highway 74, St. Gabriel LA (last known address)

Arrested For: one (1) count attempted aggravated rape
two (2) counts aggravated burglary
one (1) count residential burglary