

## **New Orleans Police Department Public Information Office**

### **New Orleans Detectives Arrest Serial Armed Robber with Help of Crimestoppers Tip**

(September 29, 2011)- Yesterday, Detective Daniel Bagneris and members of the Violent Offenders Warrant Squad (VOWS) collaborated and moved in on an armed robbery suspect in the 14,000-block of Chef Menteur Highway. Someone had anonymously called Crimestoppers, and the tip led officers to 22-year-old Trebor Blanton.

Blanton was wanted for two armed robbery incidents: One that happened near the corner of Dublin and Oak Streets on August 25, 2011, and another in the 1800-block of Dublin, which happened on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Victims in both of these robberies identified Blanton in photo line-ups.

Blanton will also be charged in a third armed robbery that happened on August 29<sup>th</sup>, near the corner of Dublin and Jeanette Streets. The victim of that crime could not positively identify Blanton, but Blanton was captured on surveillance video at the time and the place where the armed robbery occurred.

Finally, Blanton is also accused of stealing a car on September 12<sup>th</sup>, near the corner of Benjamin and Pine Streets. He drove the car to New Orleans East and made purchases with the victim's credit cards near Chef Menteur Highway and Downman Street. He later abandoned that car, and it was recovered two days later in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Once detectives approached Blanton yesterday, he was advised of the armed robbery charges and an outstanding warrant, and was arrested without incident.

Following the arrest, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Detectives Jerry Baldwin and Nathan McGhee questioned Blanton, and he confessed to committing several armed robberies- including the one that occurred on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

As of today, Blanton is charged in 3 Armed Robberies and has 2 warrants for Controlled Dangerous Substance. He has 4 felonies, 31 misdemeanors and 1 traffic arrest.

Past arrests include numerous warrants, attachments, Possession of Marijuana (twice), traffic violations, Misrepresentation of Name/Age/Address, Open Container and Driving on a Suspended License.

Superintendent Ronal Serpas said, "We're seeing more and more that the people of New Orleans are working with police to take a stand against career criminals. These suspects are caught by our officers, but time and time again are being released right back into our neighborhoods to continue what's become their livelihood: Holding guns to victims' faces and making off with their money and other belongings. It's astounding that this particular suspect has 31 misdemeanors on his record. '

' Our officers remain committed to seeking out these criminals and we greatly appreciate the assistance of residents who have information, contact police, and are helping our efforts to make New Orleans a safer place," Serpas said.

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