

MEDIA RELEASE

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OPELOUSAS, LA- The St. Landry Parish Grand Jury reported to and filed the following with the 27th Judicial District Court, Judge Alonzo Harris presiding:

1. A True Bill (indictment) was filed against Kevin Durisseaux Bolden, 39 years of age, for two counts of aggravated rape. The crime of aggravated rape has a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment.
2. A True Bill (indictment) was filed against Diana Bihm, 47, 139 Charles Street, Palmetto, La., for the first-degree murder of Claude Bihm, Sr. A first-degree murder conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment or the death penalty.

An indictment (True Bill) is a formal charge by a Grand Jury for the crimes indicated. A Grand Jury consists of twelve residents, with two alternates, who are empanelled by the 27th Judicial District Court. By Louisiana law, the DA's office is prohibited from commenting on the evidence presented to the Grand Jury. Specifically Code of Criminal Procedure Article 434, requires that "...members of the grand jury, and all other persons having confidential access to information concerning grand jury proceedings, shall keep secret the testimony of witnesses and all other matters occurring at, or directly connected with, a meeting of the grand jury..." For this reason there is never a discussion about the evidence upon which the Grand Jury based its findings.