

## *Arrest – July 27, 2014*

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At 1:12am OPD received a call indicating that a B/M had stolen money out of the register and several video poker cash tickets from a local convenience store on Creswell Lane. Within minutes officers arrived and located the suspect going over a nearby fence. Officers surrounded the area and were able to bring in K-9 Zig after determining that the suspect was hiding under a portable building. The K-9 officer then gave several commands for the individual to come out or he would deploy the K-9. The individual refused and Zig was sent under to apprehend the suspect. Seconds later the suspect identified as 32 year old Steven Joseph of 3111 Lark Lane Lake Charles La. came out escorted by Zig. Joseph was transported to OGH-ER by ambulance where he was treated for his injuries (left leg), released and jailed in the OPD jail. Joseph is charged with Felony theft and resisting an officer. He will go before a magistrate in the morning.

Officers located the \$1,043.00 taken from the register as well as tickets valued at \$605.00 taken from the video poker machine, all was returned to the business,

I want to commend the responding officers, dispatchers and the store employee who gave a very good description of the suspect.

Anyone with information regarding criminal activity please contact OPD at 948-2500 or St. Landry Parish Crime Stoppers at 948-TIPS.