



# Lafourche Parish District Attorney's Office

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THIBODAUX – A Galliano man facing trial on charges of being a principal to a narcotics transaction, as well as possession of a controlled dangerous substance, pled guilty on the eve of his scheduled jury trial and was sentenced to ten years in prison.

Adrian Theriot was sentenced to two five-year prison terms, which were ordered to run consecutively, on Tuesday afternoon. Jury selection was set to commence Wednesday morning.

"I'm glad that we were again able to take a drug offender off the streets for a significant period of time," said District Attorney Camille A. Morvant, II. "Mr. Theriot and his activities were a problem for the residents of this neighborhood since he moved in."

Theriot, 36, was the target of a narcotics investigation after neighbors complained of suspected drug activity occurring at his home, located on West 177<sup>th</sup> Street in Galliano. A July 16, 2007 undercover operation by the Lafourche Parish Drug Task Force focused on the Theriot home, where a confidential informant purchased a quantity of crack cocaine at the residence.

Narcotics officers obtained a search warrant based on the transaction, and later the same day seized more cocaine from the Theriot residence. Also seized were implements used in the manufacture and packaging of crack cocaine, all of which later tested positive for cocaine residue.

Rather than face trial, Theriot agreed to a plea offer resulting in his being sentenced to ten years in prison by the Hon. Jerome J. Barbera, III. Theriot pled guilty to two counts of possession of cocaine, one being the July 16 incident, the other having occurred on May 30, 2006. That case would have been tried at a later date had Theriot not pled Tuesday.

In exchange for the defendant's plea, the State dismissed the charge of being a principal to the distribution which occurred on July 16. That transaction, which occurred at the Theriot residence, was between the confidential informant and a third party at the Theriot residence.

"The two possession charges (to which the defendant pled) were both solid cases, so the maximum sentence on each is entirely appropriate," said Assistant District Attorney Joe Soignet. "We were also prepared to tie Mr. Theriot to the distribution which occurred in his house, but once it was agreed that the prison time on the possession charges would run consecutively, we were satisfied with the total amount of time he would be incarcerated."

Theriot was sentenced to the maximum of five years in prison on each count to which he pled, for a total of ten years with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. In August, Theriot originally agreed to plead guilty in exchange for a total sentence of seven years in prison, but backed out of the deal before it was accepted by the Court.