



## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL COURT** **SERVING ACADIA, LAFAYETTE & VERMILION PARISHES**

District Attorney Keith Stutes announces the conviction of Bryce M. Chapman of Vehicular Homicide and three counts of Vehicular Injury. On Mardi Gras Day, February 17, 2015, the defendant was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol while traveling in excess of 100 miles per hour when he struck Carol Richard's vehicle causing a fire and explosion killing Mrs. Richard. The vehicles then collided with a vehicle occupied by Karen, Christina and Cynthia Escavage causing injuries. The matter has been set for sentencing on November 3, 2016 before Judge David Smith. The defendant faces up to 30 years hard labor. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Daniel M. Landry III and was investigated by the Lafayette Police Department.