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GUILTY PLEAS OBTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEATHS OF BOBBY "BJ" DUPLÉCHIN AND RACHAEL ALEXANDER

District Attorney Donald D. Landry announced today that a conviction was obtained in the deaths of Bobby "BJ" Duplechin and Racheal Alexander.

In conjunction with a plea agreement arranged through the D.A.'s Office, Joseph Delahoussaye of Lafayette pled guilty to one count of Manslaughter in the death of Racheal Alexander and one count of Manslaughter and one count of Armed Robbery in the death of Bobby "BJ" Duplechin. In exchange for his pleas of guilty, Mr. Duplechin was sentenced to 40 years Hard Labor on each count of Manslaughter, with each of those terms to run consecutively (for a total of 80 years), along with 80 years Hard Labor on the count of Armed Robbery. The case was prosecuted by Donald H. Knecht, Jr. and Kenneth P. Hebert, and was investigated by the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office. The pleas and sentencing were taken and ordered by Judge Valerie Gotch Garrett.

Submitted by Donald D. Landry. If additional information is requested, please contact Mr. Landry at 337-262-8655.