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Six Southern University Students Arrested For Selling Drugs on Campus

East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Detectives; assisted by Southern University Police, Delta Drug Task Force, the Baton Rouge Constable's Office and EBRSO SCAT, ESU, K-9 and Warrants; conducted a month-long undercover operation on the school's campus that resulted in the arrest of six students for selling drugs on campus.

At the request of school administrators undercover EBRSO narcotics agents began an operation that included purchasing drugs while on campus from suspected individuals. Detectives executed a search warrant, with the assistance of the Baton Rouge Constable's Office and Southern Police Department, seizing 55.4 grams of marijuana (pre-packaged for distribution) and two digital scales.

EBRSO Detectives and Southern University Police arrested the following individuals this morning:

- 1) Brandon Wells, 19, charged with Distribution of Marijuana and Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Drug Free Zone
- 2) Keith Jupiter, 22, charged with Distribution of Marijuana, Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Drug Free Zone and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 3) Edward Paul Rideaux, 20, is charged with Distribution of Marijuana and Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Drug Free Zone.
- 4) Joshua Watkins, 21, charged with Distribution of Marijuana, Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Drug Free Zone, Distribution of Xanax, Possession of a Firearm in A Firearm Free Zone and Possession With the Intent to Distribute Marijuana

- 5) Trenton Nzekwesi, 22, Distribution of Marijuana, Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Drug Free Zone, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Distribution of Xanax
- 6) Devin Stampley, 20, Distribution of Marijuana, Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Drug Free Zone, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Stampley also had an outstanding bench warrant for 1st offense possession of marijuana and a traffic bench warrant.

Through the investigation, detectives learned that Nzekwesi, Stampley and Watkins (all roommates living in an on-campus dormitory) were working together to sell the drugs on campus. Wells (lives off campus), Rideaux (lives off campus) and Jupiter (lives on campus) were allegedly each operating alone. All six individuals are students at the university. The marijuana seized was located in the dormitory of Nzekwesi, Stampley and Watkins. Detectives also located a pistol in Watkins' vehicle on campus.

Agents also obtained an arrest warrant for Distribution of Marijuana and Violation of a Drug Free Zone for Michael Richard, 28, AKA "Puppy." Richard, who is not a student at the university, is still at large. Anyone with information as to his whereabouts is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 389-5000. (Photo attached)