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Suspicious Activity Outside of B.B. Rayburn Correctional Center Leads to Arrest

Multiple law enforcement agencies involved in apprehension

Baton Rouge, La - The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections is announcing that suspicious activity outside the fences of Rayburn Correctional Center (RCC) on Tuesday, July 15 led to an investigation that resulted in an individual being charged with numerous felony counts for possession of contraband and fleeing arrest.

William Lockard Jr., 54 of Raceland was arrested by the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office (WPSO) on the following felony charges: Introduction of Contraband into a State Penal Institution, Distribution of Schedule, Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule I drugs, Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule II drugs, and Fight from an Officer.

Rayburn correctional officers located a package buried in a flowerbed that contained 415.1 grams of synthetic marijuana, 90 Suboxone strips, two packs of bugler tobacco, five packs of rolling paper, two cellphones with chargers, seven charging blocks, five hotspot boxes with chargers, and four sets of headphones.

Lockard was apprehended after a lengthy foot and vehicle chase that involved RCC's canine team, and a number of law enforcement officials who established an almost two-mile wide perimeter and engaged in a roughly seven mile pursuit.

"This was an excellent job by all involved. This confiscation and arrest would not have been possible if not for the attentiveness of our staff and the relentlessness of RCC K-9 team," said Travis W. Day, warden, Rayburn Correctional Center. "These actions reflect the partnership between Rayburn Correctional Center, the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana Department of Probation and Parole, and Louisiana State Police."

Department records show that Lockard is currently on parole with the Covington District Office of the Department's Probation and Parole.

"The leadership and administration of the Department is actively taking steps to identify and root out anyone who chooses to engage in unlawful acts at our correctional facility," said Gary Westcott, secretary, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. "The Department is committed to stopping the flow of contraband into our prisons."

Lockard's mugshot can be obtained online from WPSO at <https://www.wpsolive.com/inmate/wpjail0000033337>. A picture of law enforcement agents involved in the arrest and items seized can be viewed on the Department's Facebook page.

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