

January 17, 2008

Re: Gang Related Emails

We've received a number of questions concerning the gang related emails being forwarded around. Col. John Fortunato responded on the email below. There is no office that exists called the "Metro Juvenile DA's office". With or without this email, its important to stay vigilant anywhere you go. Be aware of your surroundings.

We also had many homeowners ask about the helicopter near our neighborhood over the weekend. There was a shooting in Marrero while attempting to purchase drugs. The victim was dropped off at the hospital and police caught up with the vehicle near Paxton Street. The helicopter was over the incident as backup while this occurred.

<http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/metro/index.ssf?/base/news-26/1200291653223760.xml&coll=1>

Also, many homeowners have reported hearing a helicopter over us the past several weeks. We posted this article on our website on December 2, 2007. Sheriff Normand is using the helicopter to stay one step ahead by re-instituting the helicopter patrols to try to ferret out certain types of offenders.

[http://www.plantationestates.org/LatestNews/Normand Longterm approach on crime December 2007.pdf](http://www.plantationestates.org/LatestNews/Normand%20Longterm%20approach%20on%20crime%20December%202007.pdf)

Thanks for your support,

Plantation Estates Community Association

----- Original Message -----

From: John Fortunato

To: cmiller@ocsbbs.com

Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 5:30 PM

Subject: Fw: Gang related email

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> Good afternoon,

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> Sheriff Newell Normand reports, we have checked with all of the appropriate

> law enforcement agencies throughout this region concerning an email being

> circulated mentioning gang related material. We have determined there is no

> evidence to support it's validity.

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> Thank you,

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> Col. John Fortunato

> Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office

> Public Information Office

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: FW: Re:Jefferson Gangs

Sent from a friend of mine, a prarlegal:

Sent: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 6:01 pm

Subject: jefferson parish report gang relations

A friend's mom (who works at the Metro Juvenile DA's office) called and said they have received "credible" information from their Gang prevention unit that there is about to be a major surge in gang initiations over the next few weeks. These initiations involve random shootings that are required to "make it" into the gang. They are especially going to be targeting women and unsuspecting people out in shopping mall parking lots. They are supposedly going to be coming up and asking for directions. They are urging everyone to be VERY cautious and VERY aware of your surroundings. Which I know we all should be anyway, but one more warning sure can't hurt. PLEASE BE CAREFUL!!