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ATF, SABINE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARREST LOCAL MEN ON FIREARMS AND NARCOTICS CHARGES

SHREVEPORT, La. – Special agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and Sabine Parish Sheriff's officers arrested three Shreveport men today on federal firearms and narcotics charges after executing three search warrants as a result of a joint-investigation named "Operation Toledo Tackle."

According to the federal complaint, Leland Calhoun, Danny Lynch and Robert Montgomery worked together as a criminal organization to distribute illegal narcotics throughout the Sabine Parish area. The complaint further alleges that the three men used intimidation and threats with firearms in order to maintain control of their illicit drug trade.

The search warrants and arrests followed a 16-month investigation led by ATF and the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office into the violations of state and federal firearms and narcotics laws committed by the three suspects. Two firearms, approximately \$10,000 in cash, and five luxury vehicles were taken into custody.

"Combating violent crime is not new to ATF and is our primary focus," said Resident Agent in Charge Wade Rasberry of the ATF's New Orleans Field Division. "The common goal of reducing violent crime in our communities will be achieved through the collaborative efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement. The warrants executed this morning are an outstanding example of law enforcement working together to achieve our common goal to make our communities safer."

Assisting ATF and Sabine Sheriff's Office in the operation were the Louisiana State Police and the Shreveport Police Department.

More information on ATF and its programs to reduce violent crime is at <u>www.atf.gov</u>