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Jennings vies for title of Most Beautiful while Jeff Davis 8 murders go unsolved, drug dealing flourishes; Chief leaves

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Jefferson Davis Parish and the City of Jennings have for years now been the unwanted focus of national attention because of unsolved murders of eight (at least, some say there are more) prostitutes from 2005 to 2008.

Those murders are said to have been the inspiration for the TV show <u>**TRUE DETECTIVE**</u> (<u>http://www.absolutecrime.com/jeff-davis-8-the-true-story-behind-the-unsolved-murder-that-allegedly-inspired-season-one-of-true-detective.html#.WuIVwIjwZhF</u>).

Although author ETHAN BROWN (http://ethan-brown.com/), in his book *Murder in the Bayou*, as well as numerous national media stories is about the eight women, some sources say the number of UNSOLVED MURDERS (http://www.kplctv.com/story/11172484/jeff-davis-parish-investigating-13-unsolved-murders) in the parish is higher, that the actual number is at least 13 and also includes four male victims.

And while the eight female victims who have drawn so much media scrutiny since discovery of Necole Guillory nearly a decade ago were known drug users, it's not insignificant to note that Brown claims that each also was a police informant.

Yet, while <u>ROLLING STONE (https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/features/the-dark-truth-behind-8-sex-workers-murdered-in-the-bayou-w441927)</u> magazine, <u>DR. OZ</u> (<u>http://www.katc.com/story/38044064/jeff-davis-law-enforcement-respond-to-dr-oz-show-on-jennings-8-murders</u>)</u> and others continue to devote considerable ink and camera time to the

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mystery, Jennings rolls along planning for Louisiana's Most Beautiful City competition while seemingly ignoring areas of blighted abandoned houses in the city and burgeoning drug trafficking in those abandoned homes despite repeated warnings from one of its citizens.

That citizen, Christopher Lehman, is a retired Navy veteran and a retired federal civil service employee who upon moving to Jennings, served as a community services coordinator for the Jennings Police Department but was fired after making too much noise about open narcotics transactions on his street.

His dismissal has not deterred him from photographing suspected drug deals from vehicles and abandoned houses on his street and hitting the mayor's office with a barrage of recorded incidents he feels were also narcotics transactions.

In fact, Lehman has combined several binders of photographs, reports and other information that he turned over to the city authorities. His warnings were consistently ignored.

(https://tomaswell.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/reports.jpg)

Lehman, it seems, knew what he was talking about. Jennings police recently arrested 10 people in a major <u>HEROIN BUST (https://tomaswell.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/heroin-bust1.pdf)</u>.

The Jennings Police Department chief, Todd D'Albor, recently resigned to take a similar position as leader of the newly-formed New Iberia Police Department.

That city, of course, has its own set of problems with a sheriff under fire and having escaped conviction on federal criminal charges brought against him in connection with the mistreatment of prisoners in his jail, including the deaths of some prisoners in his custody.

The most notorious case was that of a 20-year-old black male who authorities claimed managed to obtain a gun and shoot himself in the chest—while his hands were cuffed behind him.

The sheriff's office took over patrol of New Iberia several years ago when the police department was disbanded because of a lack of city revenue with which to fund the department. Only after residents voted approval of \$500,000 to reinstate the department last year was the department resurrected.

The vote to bring back the New Iberia city police department may have been prompted in part by the city's **VIOLENT CRIME RATE (http://www.bestplaces.net/crime/city/louisiana/new_iberia)** which runs far ahead of the state and national averages.

It's uncertain if the New Iberia mayor and city council examined an **<u>audit report</u>** (<u>https://tomaswell.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/audit-report.pdf</u>) of the City of Jennings which said that D'Albor, while heading the Jennings Police Department, used public property for his personal use, used police department personnel to run personal errands, and that he stored personal property at city facilities against city policy.

All that might cause the casual observer to question why one city with a chronic crime problem would hire a police chief from a city where eight—or 13—unsolved murders continue to pose serious questions as to what is being done to solve the murders as well as to curtail open drug deals on the streets of a city that aspires to the title of Most Beautiful.

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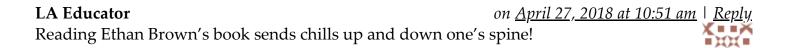
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A LA Voice Fan on <u>April 26, 2018 at 2:40 pm | Reply</u> Jeff Davis Parish has the largest landfill in the state. A very convenient location in which to dispose of a corpse.



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