

7/15/2016 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR C. MOORE, III MEDIA RELEASE  
REGARDING ARRESTS OCCURRING BETWEEN 7/8/16 AND 7/11/16

Today, District Attorney Hillar C. Moore, III announced that after reviewing 185 individual affidavits of probable cause for arrests occurring between 7/8/16 and 7/11/16, he has determined that he will not prosecute approximately 100 of these cases involving protestors only charged with the misdemeanor crimes of obstruction of a roadway or public passage. These particular cases only involve facts where the person arrested failed to comply with an officer's direction to leave the roadway or public passage. While all citizens have the right to assemble and protest, they do not have the right to block streets and impede the flow of traffic. Under Louisiana law, first-time offenders, should they avoid further arrests and convictions, may have their misdemeanor arrests expunged from the criminal history records of the State of Louisiana at no cost.

At this time, only four protestors remain in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison due to other matters. The District Attorney's staff continues to perform reviews of each individual arrest arising from any protest and advises that persons who have engaged in repeated offenses, assaults, resisting arrest, or other violent acts will continue to face prosecution in the Courts of the 19th Judicial District.

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