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MAN ARRESTED FOR EXTORTION

Baton Rouge Police Detectives have arrested JEREMY JAMAL JOHNSON, 29 of 835 Bayou Paul Lane St. Gabriel, LA., on charges of Attempted Felony Theft, Extortion, Malfeasance in Office and Public Bribery.

JOHNSON, a Code Enforcement Officer-Inspector employed by the Department of Development, attempted to extort money from a local business in the Baton Rouge area. JOHNSON arrived at the business requesting $3,000 dollars to conduct an unplanned inspection. When the business questioned the inspection, JOHNSON lowered the fee to $2,800 dollars. After being told that the business didn't have that kind of money, JOHNSON agreed on $2,200 dollars cash or threatened to shut down the business. JOHNSON even offered the business personnel a ride to the bank. After a brief phone conversation with the property owner, JOHNSON ran out of the business.

Baton Rouge Police encourage any other potential victims to contact Financial Crimes at 389-3871.

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