

Local Entrepreneur gets a trial date
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FRANKLIN - Jonathan Wayne Scully, a local wiz at building a collection of businesses operating under the “Pelican” name, now faces a Feb 2027 court date to defend himself against charges of theft over \$25,000 and simple criminal damage to property between \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Scully appeared in 16th Judicial District Court on Tuesday before Judge John E Conery during an arraignment, where Conery set a Feb 1 date.

Scully offered no remarks. His attorney was present on zoom, according to Conery.

Franklin Attorney James “Jim” Supple also appeared before Conery, who said he was representing the victims in the alleged incident against Scully.

Scully left the courtroom, followed later by Supple and a man and woman who later identified themselves as Joe LeBrun and Michelle LeBlanc LeBrun.

“We’re hurt. I’m hurt. My mother trusted him as well. We treated him like family,” Michelle LeBrun said.

Her husband Joe said this has been an 11 month struggle with Scully, during which Scully allegedly stripped furnishings from a building he was renting from Michelle, including a generator.

“I mean not a nail was left in the wall,” Michelle LeBrun said.

Joe said the couple just wants to see, “justice served.”

“There are two police departments that say a crime has been committed, the Berwick Police Department and the St Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office.”

“I could go further, but for now I want the law, and these law enforcement agencies to do its work and continue their investigation,” Joe LeBrun said.

A St Mary Parish Sheriff’s Arrest report indicates Scully, 33, a resident of Stephenville, was arrested on Feb 12 at 6:31 p.m. and was released on a \$6,000 bond.

Last month, he appeared in court for an arraignment on the two felony charges. His attorney, Rebecca Huskey of AMO Trial Lawyers did not appear, and instead sent a substitute colleague.

Contacted afterward for comment, Huskey did not respond, but instead, a legal clerk Isabella answered the phone, and said, “We have no comment, nor will we comment on this case, and then disconnected the phone call.”

Also, numerous calls to 16th Judicial District Asst District Attorney Brady Holdsclaw, have not been returned.

For nearly a decade, Scully, 33, cultivated the image of a fast-rising Louisiana entrepreneur. He began in construction, equipment rentals, and disaster recovery work.

According to the Louisiana Secretary of State's website, Scully was listed with some sort of affiliation with these businesses, although the list does not say whether his affiliation still exists with these businesses: I & M Company, L.L.C., Louisiana Thermal & Night Vision, L.L.C, Pelican Contractors of Louisiana, L.L.C., Pelican Energy Solutions of America, L.L.C., Pelican Industrial of USA, L.L.C. and the Topsy Pelican, L.L.C..