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Resident of BR Charged with Public Bribery

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BATON ROUGE — Agents for the State Labor-Management Commission and the East Baton Rouge district attorney's office today arrested a Baton Rouge resident on two counts of public bribery involving a case pending against Teamster boss Edward Grady Partin.

Thomas E. Holland, who was described as an oilman and a former candidate for mayor of Baton Rouge, was charged with offering a bribe to Erby Aucoin of New Orleans to change his testimony.

PARTIN, controversial boss of Teamsters Local No. 5 in Baton Rouge, was charged with aggravated battery in Ascension Parish on the basis of a statement by Aucoin that he was threatened by the union leader and other union members.

Aucoin testified at a hearing of the Labor-Management Commission that the incident occurred a year ago during the construction of a stock car racing track he was photographing. Aucoin was a cameraman for a New Orleans television station.

According to the Labor-Management Commission, Holland offered Aucoin \$1,800 and a \$25,000 a year job with a firm called Scope International.

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al Inc. to forget his testimony against Partin.

The incident allegedly occurred May 14, according to the charges against Holland.

HOLLAND was arrested by Joe Oster, an investigator for the Labor-Management Commission, and by Ben Givens of the district attorney's office. The warrant for his arrest was signed by District Judge Fred LeBlanc.