



CITY OF KENNER

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KENNER UNDER TORNADO WARNING; PEA-SIZED HAIL REPORTED IN CITY

Kenner, LA. – Kenner police officers are reporting pea-sized hail in several areas of the city – including the north side of Louis Armstrong International Airport and the 3600 block of Loyola Blvd and the 2300 block of Kentucky Avenue.

Meteorologists with the National Weather have said hail – up to half-dollar sized – is possible as stormy weather moves through the area. A tornado warning was issued until 10:45 a.m., but a severe thunderstorm warning has been extended until 11:15 a.m. The area includes Kenner and all of northwestern Jefferson Parish.

The weather warnings were triggered when radar indicated a severe thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado located near Paradis, or about 8 miles southwest of Hahnville and moving to the northeast at 45 mph.

Radar has also indicated a tornado crossing I-55 near the Ponchatoula/Hammond area.

Residents are urged to move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building and avoid windows. Anyone outside should move to the closest substantial shelter.

The area is also under a tornado watch until 2 p.m.

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