

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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## **Man arrested in theft of stolen generator**



Suspect Rickey L. Johnson

A Shreveport man now faces felony charges after allegedly stealing a generator and using a taxi cab to get away from the scene of the crime.

Just after 3:00 p.m. on September 20, Shreveport Police patrol officers were called to the 900 block of Market Street relative to a theft from a business. As officers arrived and made contact with the complainant, information was gathered suggesting a portable generator had been stolen from inside the building. The generator, valued over \$2,000, had been in use earlier in the afternoon and was last secured inside the business. It was learned that the complainant had hired a man to perform some repair on the outside of the building, and had allowed the man to remain outside the business while they left, leaving the building secured. Upon the victim's return, they observed the worker was missing and so was the generator.

Patrol officers were able to view surveillance video, which captured portions of the event as they unfolded. Upon review of the footage, it was learned the generator had been taken by the man who had been hired by the victim, after the same man made the unauthorized entry into the business. After securing the generator, the suspect hailed a taxi cab, loaded up the stolen merchandise and left the scene. It was learned the man subsequently pawned the stolen generator, collected the money and headed to a local casino where he was nabbed by officers while engaged in gaming activities. The man was identified as 57 year old Rickey L. Johnson of the 3000 block of Parkridge Street. Johnson was taken into police custody and later charged with simple burglary and theft. Johnson was booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

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