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Alert neighbor foiled vehicle burglary spree



Suspect Nathaniel Mendoza



Suspect Christian Blankenship

Shreveport Police have two individuals in custody that they believe committed at least two vehicle burglaries in southeast Shreveport early this morning.

Just after midnight On October 18, 2017, Shreveport Police responded to reports of two suspicious people fleeing from a resident's yard as they arrived home in the 10000 block of Trailridge Drive in the Ellerbee Woods neighborhood. Officers quickly arrived and were able to locate the subjects, who immediately fled on foot. Patrol officers and a Shreveport Police K-9 took 18-year-old Christian Blankenship, of the 2100 block of Crabapple Drive, and 17-year-old Nathaniel Mendoza, of the 100 block of Flagg Street in Haughton, into custody after a brief foot chase.

Investigators with the Shreveport Police Department's Property Crimes Unit responded and through their investigation determined that Mendoza and Blankenship came to the neighborhood with the intent to commit vehicle burglaries. They were found in possession of stolen items, including a handgun that was taken during their burglary efforts in the neighborhood.

Mendoza was charged with one count of Unauthorized Entry of an Inhabited Dwelling after entering a citizen's house while attempting to evade capture. He was also charged with two counts of Simple Burglary and one count of Resisting an Officer. Blankenship was charged with two counts of Simple Burglary and one count of Resisting an Officer. Both were booked into the Shreveport City Jail on their charges.

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