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Man arrested for firearm related assaults



Bertrand Payne

Shreveport Police have jailed a man accusing him of two separate firearms related assaults.

On January 30, 2018 just before 2:00 pm, Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to Jewella Avenue and Interstate 20 on reports of a man being shot at. Officers made contact with the victim, 34-year-old Donald Bloomer, who advised that he had been shot at by a co-worker on Interstate 20. Bloomer informed officers that he and two co-workers were involved in a verbal dispute while at work at a Bossier City casino, which resulted in one of the co-workers, Bertrand Payne, 54, of the 2100 block of Harp Street, being removed from the property. Bloomer advised that when he left work for the day, he crossed into Shreveport and Payne was parked on the side of Interstate 20 in a gray Chrysler 300. Payne allegedly pulled out in front of Bloomer in what Bloomer in an apparent attempt to cause a crash. Bloomer advised that he went around Payne and exited onto Jewella Avenue and heard two loud pops. He was flagged down on the off ramp by a witness who informed him that Payne fired shots at him as he exited. Payne continued travelling west bound on Interstate 20. Bloomer was not injured and his vehicle was not hit.

On January 30, 2018 just after 8:00 am, Payne encountered the other co-worker involved in the dispute, 35-year-old Anthony Morris, as he was walking in the 2600 block of Dunlop Street. Payne allegedly drove up to Morris in a gray Chrysler 300, pointed a handgun at Morris, and threatened to shoot him. Patrol officers were able to locate Payne and take him into custody shortly after the incident. Officers seized a 9mm handgun believed used in the crime.

Payne was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count each of Assault by Drive by Shooting and one count of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm.

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