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Man jailed following auto theft from local business



Suspect David Neathery

Shreveport Police have a man in custody following the theft of a truck in south Shreveport earlier this afternoon.

On June 24, 2018 just before 3:30 pm, Shreveport Police were contacted by the owner of Waterworks Irrigation in 500 block of Mount Zion Road. The owner advised that he believed one of his company vehicles may have been stolen due to having received a text alert notifying him that his truck was moving. The owner/victim used a GPS app to guide officers to the vehicle at Interstate 49 and West 70th Street. Officers were able to get the vehicle stopped and detained the male driver. The victim and officers went to the business and confirmed that the vehicle was gone as well as a utility trailer loaded with tools and equipment. They reviewed video footage of the burglary and learned that in addition to the alleged theft of the truck and trailer the suspect was observed to have attempted to enter multiple vehicles, a storage shed, and then syphoned gasoline from another vehicle. The suspect then placed the gasoline into another company vehicle equipped with a diesel motor which caused damage to the engine. Investigators with the Property Crimes Unit responded to the Shreveport Police Complex for interviews with the suspect, who had up to that point, refused to identify himself. Investigators were able to identify him as 51-year-old David Neathery. Following interviews with detectives, Neathery was charged two counts of Simple Burglary, Resisting an Officer, Auto Theft, Attempted Auto Theft, Illegal Possession of Stolen Things, two counts of Criminal Property Damage, and a fugitive warrant out of Georgia. He was booked into the Shreveport City Jail. All of the property was returned to the victim.

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