

# Shreveport Police Dept.



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### Multi-jurisdictional effort leads to arrest of trio of suspects charged in months long investigation



**Derek Conner**

**Patrick Green**

**Edward Trotter**

Authorities from multiple law enforcement agencies teamed up to capture three men linked to over a dozen property crimes spanning the city of Shreveport and the parishes of Caddo, Webster and Harrison County in east Texas.

Back on Thursday January 9, 2020, investigators with the Property Crimes Unit of the Shreveport Police Department met in order to discuss a recent rash of property crimes. During detectives probe of the cases, similarities were identified in a number of the incidents, leading authorities to believe the cases may have been connected. It was later learned some of the cases had ties to crimes committed outside the city limits of Shreveport. Recognizing the broadening scope of the on-going probe, authorities established a task force consisting of Shreveport Police Department Property Crimes members: Sergeant Brandon Ortiz Sr., Sergeant Alison Azlin, Detective Jeff Bordelon, Detective Melissa James, Detective LeAnn Hodges and Deputy Detective Jeremy Prudhome. Detectives also had the collaborative assistance of agents from the United States Marshal's Office Fugitive Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation Task Force members, investigators from the Caddo and Bossier Parish Sheriff's Offices, Harrison County Sheriff's Office and the City of Waskom, Texas Police Department.

Continuing investigation established a window of criminal activity believed to have initiated on November 25, 2019 and culminated on January 9, 2020. During that time, detectives worked collectively and tirelessly gathering information and procuring search warrants which ultimately led to the discovery of significant evidence linking three suspects to a plethora of property crimes. Arrested in connection with the investigation was, 51 year old Patrick Green Sr., 44 year old Derek L. Conner, and 51 year old Edward Ray Trotter Jr. Collectively, the men are accused in over a dozen crimes to include: The burglaries of a Shreveport location of Ivan Smith Furniture, two burglaries at the Cove restaurant in Shreveport, two burglaries at the Brinks Inc. Shreveport locations, burglary at Danny Joy Auto Sales, two burglaries of Shreveport locations of Family Dollar stores, burglary of the Vic Garrett Motors in Blanchard, Rose's Express in Shreveport, I-20 Auto Sales in Shreveport, and multiple vehicle thefts. During their spree, the suspects used vehicles stolen from car lots to break in to businesses and drive off with ATM machines. All three suspects were arrested and are currently housed in the Caddo Parish Correctional Center.

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