

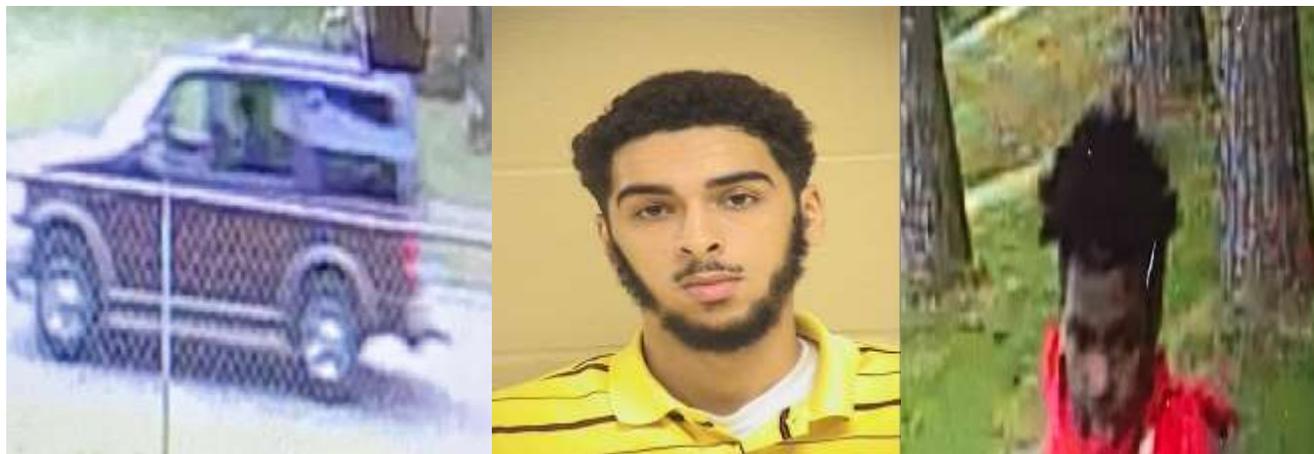
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Police investigate early morning robbery turned shooting



Investigators with the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit have arrested one man and are searching for another in their involvement in an early morning robbery attempt turned shooting in the Southern Hills neighborhood of west Shreveport.

On June 21, 2020, just after 6:15 a.m., Shreveport Police officers were dispatched to the 3200 block of Ardis Taylor Drive on reports of a shooting. Officers arrived to find two individuals shot, one of which was being held at gunpoint by the occupant of the home. Officers initially learned that two men had arrived at the home in what they were told was an armed robbery attempt and that the man being held at gunpoint was one of the suspects. Both men were transported to Ochners LSU Health with what was later determined to be non-life threatening injuries.

Investigators with the Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Unit were summoned to the scene. After conducting interviews with the homeowners and witnesses, securing evidence from the scene, and securing video footage, they learned that two men arrived at the home just after 6:00 a.m. and entered the garage portion of the residence where they contacted the victim. The suspects held the victim at gunpoint and demanded money. Another resident of the home heard the victim telling the alleged robbers that he did not have anything to give them. She armed herself with a handgun and confronted the robbers, which led to an exchange of gunfire between the female family member and one of the robbery suspects. During the exchange of gunfire, the male victim was struck in the chest by shots fired from the robbery suspect and one of the male suspects, later identified as 21-year-old Marcus Smith of Keithville, Louisiana, was struck in the leg by the intervening family member. The second suspect entered into a burgundy SUV and fled the scene. The female held the injured suspect at gunpoint until officers arrived and took him into custody.

Following interviews with the suspect, he was charged with (1) count of Attempted 1st Degree Murder. He will be booked into Shreveport City Jail upon his release from the hospital.

The second suspect that fled the scene was described as a medium to dark-skinned black male who has a heavier build. His hair is lower on the sides and medium length on top. He was last seen wearing light colored blue jeans with maroon underwear or shorts underneath and a red t-shirt, which was tied around his neck. He was driving what looked to be a dark red or burgundy older model Ford Expedition SUV.

Investigators are asking anyone with information relative to the second suspect to contact them immediately at 318-673-7300 #3 or 318-673-6955. Those wishing to remain anonymous are asked to call Caddo Parish Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373 or via their App P3 Tips. Crime Stoppers pays cash for information leading to the arrest of individuals that commit crimes.

*** please see attached photos of suspect and suspect vehicle***

*** please note that the mugshot of Marcus Smith is from a 2019 arrest. No current photo is available as he remains hospitalized***