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Police make arrests in early morning home invasions



Eric Cooksey

Shamichael Gillam

Investigators with the Shreveport Police Department's Tactical Robbery Unit have charged two men in connection to two separate home invasions in west Shreveport.

On July 22, just before 1:00 a.m., Shreveport Police Patrol officers responded to a home invasion that just occurred at a residence in the 7200 block of Marseille Drive. Arriving officers made contact with the female victim who advised that two men, both armed with weapons, forcibly entered her residence and struck her in the head. They took undisclosed items from the home and fled on foot. As officers flooded the area to look for the suspects they received another call advising that two subjects matching the description of those in the Marseille Drive incident had approached a woman and attempted to take her vehicle at gunpoint in the 7200 block of Jewella Avenue at the Tiffany Square Apartments. She retreated into her residence and the two men followed her inside. As they entered the apartment, they were met by an armed resident in the home. He was able to force the two suspects out of his apartment at gunpoint. A patrol officer who was circulating the area observed a man that fit the description of one of the suspects and contacted him. He was identified as 25-year-old Eric Cooksey of the 3500 block of Hardy Street. As officers stopped Cooksey, K9 Renzo began a ground search for the second suspect. Renzo located him very quickly and took him into custody after finding him hiding behind a fence in the apartment complex. That subject was identified as 28-year-old Shamichael Gilliam of the 8900 block of Sugarland Drive.

Detectives responded to the scene and immediately launched their investigation. Through interviews with witnesses and evidence collected, investigators deduced that Cooksey and Gilliam were responsible for both incidents. Both were charged with two counts each of Aggravated Burglary and booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

Gilliam has prior arrests for Armed Robbery, Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and other charges.

Cooksey has prior arrests for Illegal Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Convicted Felon with a Firearm, and other charges.