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Foiled burglary leads to suspect being shot

Suspect Morgan Matthews

A Shreveport man is behind bars today after being shot by a homeowner for attempting to break into his home. Last night at around 1220 a.m., Shreveport Police responded to a burglary in progress in the 3800 block of Fairfield Avenue. Officers located Morgan Matthews (age 18) outside in the back of a residence at this location. Officers immediately detained Matthews and learned he had suffered a gun injury to the hip.

After speaking with the homeowner, Officers learned that Mathews was attempting to forcefully enter through a rear window of the residence. The homeowner, who was inside at the time, armed himself with a firearm and fired a shot at Matthews. The gunshot grazed him on his right hip. Matthews sustained a minor injury from the gunshot which did not require him to be transported. Matthews initially told officers that another male, Benjamin Elmajian (21) was also with him. Officer located Elmajian at his residence and took him into custody.

Detectives with the property crimes division responded to this location and began their investigation. The homeowner of the residence was able to provide investigators with video surveillance of the incident. Upon reviewing the surveillance video, detectives were able to confirm that Matthews was attempting to break into the residence when he was shot. Initially, both Matthews and Elmajian were charged however, due to a lack of evidence at this time, charges were dropped against Elmajian. Matthews was charged with one count of Home Invasion and one count of Escape. He was booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

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