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Arrest made in Catalytic converter thefts



Bobby Martin

Chief Wayne Smith announces the arrest of an individual accused of removing catalytic converters from vehicles parked at a local business Friday night.

On March 4, 2022, Shreveport Police patrol officers and officers with the LSUS Police Department responded to reports of a burglary in progress in the 700 block of Professional Drive. The business had a professionally monitored video system through Guardian Alarm Systems and operators were able to relay key information as the alleged theft unfolded. Officers used that information to locate and apprehend Bobby Martin (4-24-1990) on the property. A canvas of the area led to the discovery of a duffle style bag, believed to belong to Martin, that contained a firearm and a reciprocating saw.

Martin was only able to successfully remove one catalytic converter, but detectives have evidence that he went under at least 15 vehicles at the business, and they believe his intent was to remove many more.

Martin was transported to the Shreveport Police Complex and following interviews with detectives, was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count each of Felony Theft, Attempted Felony Theft, and Felon in Possession Firearm.

Please remember that Caddo Shreveport Crime Stoppers is offering increased rewards for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for catalytic converter thefts. Call them today at 318-673-7373 or visit their app, P3Tips. Remember crime stoppers only wants your information, not your name.