



**Shreveport Police Department
Chief Wayne Smith**

Media Inquiries:

shreveportpdpio@shreveportla.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

1-14-2023

**Shreveport police make multiple arrests after carjacked vehicle strikes
another vehicle and suspects flee on foot**



Shreveport Police patrol officers along with the Community Response Unit have five juveniles in custody following a pursuit yesterday evening.

On January 14, 2023, just before 6:30 p.m., Shreveport Police patrol officers assigned to the Queensborough neighborhood attempted to stop a vehicle that was carjacked on January 13th. The vehicle immediately fled and led patrol officers on a pursuit that ended when the carjacked vehicle collided with a Ford Mustang at the intersection of Jewella Avenue and Hollywood Avenue. Five suspects exited the vehicle and fled on foot. All were captured before they could get out of sight of the officers. There were two people in the Mustang, and both were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Officers recovered 5 weapons from within the vehicle, 3 handguns (one that was stolen yesterday morning in a vehicle burglary) and 2 AR rifles (one was stolen in November). The weapons were loaded. All the suspects were determined to be juveniles between the ages of 14-17. They were all taken to local hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries then booked into the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center they were each charged with one count of Illegal Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Juveniles in Possession of Handguns, and the driver was charged with Hit and Run and Negligent Injury.

In 2021 Shreveport saw an unprecedented number of homicides. In 2022 we saw a drastic decrease in homicides due largely to proactive policing measures that were implemented. Many of the homicides were committed at the hands of individuals armed with illegal weapons that used vehicles, many that were stolen, as a vessel to commit these egregious acts.