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**Convicted felon leads police on chase, arrested with a firearm**



**Billy Thomas**

On March 16th, 2023, around 5:15 p.m. Shreveport Police Patrol officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 4200 block of Curtis Lane. Rather than stop, the suspect fled in a vehicle.

Responding officers observed the suspect, Billy Thomas (6-16-85), fleeing in a vehicle and found Thomas to be wanted for a Home Invasion on March 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2023 in the 4800 block of Gloria Drive. The suspect fled in the vehicle and led officers on a pursuit through the city.

The vehicle was eventually stopped, and Billy Thomas was taken into custody. Thomas was arrested and charged with one count of home invasion, one count of property damage, one count of flight in a vehicle, one count of resisting, and one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Thomas was found to be a convicted felon due to prior felony convictions for violent offenses.

We are required to advise that all suspects are innocent until proven guilty.