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Shreveport Police Department apprehension of suspect linked to multiple crimes



John Thompson

On March 23rd, at approximately 3:12 p.m., alert Shreveport Police Officers apprehended a suspect involved in serious criminal activities within our community. The incident unfolded when officers, actively patrolling the area of Hollywood Avenue and Hearne Avenue, encountered a suspicious individual whom they identified as 23-year-old John Thompson, known from a previous event.

The officers approached Thompson, prompting him to flee on foot. Despite his attempts to evade capture, the officers pursued him eventually leading to his apprehension. During the foot pursuit, Thompson discarded a handgun, which was later recovered by the officer.

Subsequent investigation revealed Thompson's connection to a stolen vehicle pursuit incident that occurred on February 27, 2024. As a result of the arrest, John Thompson faces multiple charges, including felon in possession of a firearm, theft of a motor vehicle, aggravated flight in a vehicle, and possession of a stolen firearm.

Through these officers' vigilance and commitment to proactive policing, they have successfully removed a suspect linked to serious criminal activities from our streets.

Suspects are innocent until proven guilty.