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Arrest Made For Felon In Possession Of Firearm



James Owens

On April 4th at approximately 11:50 p.m. VICE officers observed a suspicious individual sitting in a vehicle in the 1000 block of Stoner Avenue and the Stoner Boat Launch. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the individual, identified as 44-year-old James Owens, had a firearm.

Subsequent inquiries revealed that James Owens was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a prior felony conviction. Consequently, Owens was taken into custody by VICE officers for the charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

The firearm in question was seized, and Owens was promptly transported to the Shreveport city jail for processing. Possession of firearms by convicted felons is a serious offense, and we will continue to diligently enforce the law to ensure the safety of our community.

The Shreveport Police Department urges anyone with information regarding illegal firearm possession or any other criminal activity to contact authorities promptly.

We are required to remind that all suspects are innocent until found guilty.