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Man Arrested for Firearms Offense Following Store Theft Incident



Donnie Otis

On October 25, 2024, Donnie Otis was taken into custody following a confrontation involving a firearm at a local store. The incident occurred when Otis entered a business located at 1911 Centenary Blvd. and attempted to conceal a soft drink with the intent to permanently deprive the store of the item. Upon being approached by store personnel, Otis removed the drink from his bag but held onto a handgun with an extended magazine, causing the store representative to fear potential assault.

Otis promptly left the store after the confrontation. Detectives in the vicinity quickly responded and successfully detained him a short distance away at Herndon and Alexander. He was subsequently arrested on the charge of Aggravated Assault, under Louisiana Statute 14:37.4.

The Shreveport Police Department commends the swift actions of the detectives involved and remains committed to maintaining the safety of our community by responding decisively to incidents involving weapons.