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Driver Not in the Christmas Spirit



Sherdarika Johnson

On December 23, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. a Shreveport Police Department officer was patrolling near the Clear Horizon Apartments located at 4305 Illinois Avenue when an incident unfolded that resulted in the arrest of Sherdarika Johnson (B/F, 4-13-92).

While conducting proactive patrols, the officer observed a vehicle circumvent a red light at the intersection of Kennedy Drive and Hollywood Avenue by driving through a gas station parking lot. The officer attempted to position the patrol unit behind the vehicle, which was now traveling northbound on Kennedy Drive. However, the vehicle abruptly stopped, and the driver exited, yelling, obscenities at the officer,

The officer activated the patrol lights and attempted to make contact with the driver, but Johnson re-entered her vehicle and drove into the Clear Horizon Apartments parking lot. As the officer followed, Johnson performed a U-turn in the parking lot, drove past the patrol unit, and disregarded verbal commands, visible flashing lights, and audible sirens.

A pursuit ensued at approximately 7:33 AM, covering the following route:

- Exited the Clear Horizon parking lot.
- Northbound on Kennedy Drive.
- Westbound on Illinois Avenue.
- Northbound on Curtis Lane, ending with a U-turn at the dead end.

The pursuit ended at approximately 7:38 AM when Johnson left the roadway and drove through the side yard of 4358 Thurgood Circle in an attempt to evade capture. The officer deployed pepper spray, which effectively stopped the vehicle and compelled Johnson to place the car in park. Johnson was taken into custody without further incident.

A subsequent investigation revealed that the vehicle had no valid insurance and was impounded. Additionally, a firearm was located inside the vehicle and submitted to the property room for safekeeping.

Johnson was transported to the Shreveport City Jail and booked on the following charges:

- Flight from an Officer
- Impeding Traffic
- Resisting Arrest
- No Insurance

The Shreveport Police Department reminds the public of the importance of adhering to traffic laws and stopping for lawful traffic stops. These measures are vital for the safety of all individuals on the road.