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Two Arrested in Connection with Stolen Vehicles



James Cawthon

Nicholas Dinkins

On December 30, 2024, members of the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Apprehension Team (VCAT) responded to 641 W. 72nd Street, where SPD K-9 units had located two stolen vehicles. One of the stolen vehicles, parked in a vacant lot just east of the address, contained two firearms. The second stolen vehicle was found in the front yard of the property.

James Cawthon (DOB: 3/29/2007) and Nicholas Dinkins (DOB: 9/1/2003) were discovered hiding behind one of the vehicles, a Kia, and taken into custody. Upon further investigation, Cawthon was charged with Illegal Possession of Stolen Things (IPST). Dinkins faced charges of IPST, resisting an officer, and possession of narcotics.

A search warrant was also executed at 641 W. 72nd Street as part of the ongoing investigation.

This is not the first time these individuals have been implicated in similar incidents. Records reveal Cawthon was previously arrested on November 1, 2024, for involvement in another stolen vehicle case. Dinkins was arrested in May 2024 for a separate stolen vehicle incident.

The Shreveport Police Department remains steadfast in its commitment to addressing criminal activity in the community. The recovery of these stolen vehicles and the arrests of the individuals involved underscore our dedication to protecting the safety and security of our citizens.