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**Shreveport Police Recover Stolen Vehicle and Safely Locate Infant;
Suspect in Custody**



Marcus Madden

On January 31, 2025, at approximately 8:01 p.m., Shreveport Police officers responded to a call regarding a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival, officers learned that a one-year-old juvenile was inside the vehicle when it was taken. SPD detectives immediately responded to the scene, and multiple officers and detectives began searching the area.

The complainant reported that she had stopped at her residence to grab coats for herself and her child before heading to another location. She stated that she left her vehicle running and did not remove the child from the car, as he was asleep, and the weather was cold.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., an SPD officer working an extra-duty assignment at Wal-Mart (1645 E. Bert Kouns) radioed in that the child had been found safely in the store's parking lot. Shreveport Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and checked on the child, confirming she was unharmed.

As officers continued their search, the stolen vehicle was located in the parking lot of Circle K (9009 Youree Drive), near a nearby apartment complex. Shortly after, the suspect was seen running toward the apartments. Officers tracked the suspect to an apartment, where he was detained without further incident.

The suspect, 17 year old, Marcus Madden, was arrested and charged with:

- Simple Kidnapping
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Child Desertion
- Unauthorized Entry into an Inhabited Dwelling

This incident highlights the outstanding teamwork and swift response of Shreveport Police officers and detectives. Their dedication led to the safe recovery of the child and the quick apprehension of the suspect.