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## Shreveport Police Arrest Driver After High-Speed Pursuit



**Kristopher Elias**

On March 6, 2025, Shreveport Police Department (SPD) patrol officers observed a Chevrolet Malibu traveling westbound on Greenwood Road at a high rate of speed, weaving in and out of traffic. Officers determined that the vehicle was traveling at least 85 mph while being operated in a careless manner.

Officers initiated a traffic stop at Greenwood Road and Greenwood Lane; however, the driver refused to comply and fled southbound on Greenwood Lane at a high rate of speed. During the pursuit, officers observed multiple small plastic bags being discarded from the vehicle. These items were quickly recovered and determined to contain approximately 17.5 grams of suspected marijuana and 8.5 grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine.

### Pursuit Route and Traffic Violations:

- Southbound on Greenwood Ln. (25+ mph over the posted speed limit)
- Eastbound on Lyba St. (Disregarded stop sign)
- Northbound on Marston Ave. (25+ mph over the posted speed limit)
- Eastbound on Greenwood Rd. (Disregarded red light)
- Northbound on Curtis Ln. (Left the roadway)
- Eastbound on Greenwood Rd. (Disregarded red light)
- Northbound into a car wash parking lot (Left the roadway)
- Westbound on Greenwood Rd. (Disregarded red light)
- Northbound on Curtis Ln. (Caused a vehicle to leave the roadway)
- Eastbound on Lakeshore Dr. (Drove in the oncoming traffic lane)
- Westbound on W. College St. – End of pursuit

The driver, identified as Kristopher Elias (B/M, DOB: 07/10/1990), recklessly operated his vehicle for approximately four miles while fleeing from officers. His actions posed a significant danger to the citizens of Shreveport, including a school bus that was actively loading children.

Further investigation revealed that Elias was operating the vehicle with a suspended driver's license. Post-Miranda, Elias admitted that he fled because he believed he had an outstanding warrant and wanted to dispose of the drugs in his possession.

**Charges:**

- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Schedule II Narcotics
- Aggravated Flight from an Officer
- Obstruction of Justice
- Resisting an Officer
- Driving Under Suspension
- Careless Operation of a Vehicle

This incident highlights the outstanding work of Shreveport Police Patrol officers, who successfully took the suspect into custody without significant damage or injury. Aggravated flight places the offender, officers, and the public in extreme danger and will not be tolerated.