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Copper Theft Suspects Caught in the Act on East 70th Street



On April 13, 2025, just after 3:00 p.m., Shreveport Police officers responded to a reported theft in progress in the 200 block of East 70th Street. Officers patrolling the area observed two white male suspects, later identified as Paul Dupuy IV and Adam Anglin, actively cutting copper wiring from a utility pole in a nearby alleyway. The suspects were dressed to resemble city workers and were operating in broad daylight in a beat-up vehicle.

Upon approach, officers detained both individuals and, following Miranda advisement, the suspects claimed to be working for a third-party contractor authorized to remove and recycle the copper. They provided a name but were unable to furnish any verifiable contact information for the person who allegedly sent them.

A search of their vehicle revealed ropes, utility gloves, cutting tools, and suspected narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Officers also discovered over 100 feet of copper wire, already cut into transportable pieces. The stolen copper, valued at more than \$1,000, was seized and impounded along with the vehicle as evidence. Both suspects were arrested and booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

This case highlights the ongoing issue of copper theft in our community. Many cases go unsolved due to the lack of witnesses or surveillance, as thieves often strike during the early morning hours or in areas with minimal traffic. The stolen copper is frequently sold out of state, where regulations are less strict, and sellers are not required to provide identification or documentation.

These crimes cause significant financial losses for companies like AT&T and can lead to serious service interruptions for residents and businesses who rely on them for communication services.

The Shreveport Police Department encourages anyone who observes suspicious activity near utility infrastructure to report it immediately by calling 318-673-7300 or Caddo Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373.