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Fleeing From Police Is Dangerous and Illegal, SPD Reminds Public



Clayton Lemons & Roderick Duncan

The Shreveport Police Department would like to remind the public that fleeing from law enforcement in a vehicle is not only illegal—it's incredibly dangerous. Recent incidents highlight just how quickly these situations can escalate and endanger everyone involved.

On April 19, just after 8:00 p.m., officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop near Interstate 49 and Kings Highway. The driver, later identified as Clayton Lemons, refused to stop and led officers on a pursuit. Lemons eventually lost control and crashed at Kings Highway and Dickinson. His vehicle struck a SWEPCO power pole, knocking out electricity in the area, and then burst into flames. Fortunately, Lemons survived the crash. He now faces serious charges, including aggravated flight from an officer, DWI, and numerous traffic violations.

In another recent case, Roderick Duncan led officers on a pursuit on April 17. When the chase reached a point where it became too dangerous to continue, officers made the decision to disengage. Thanks to diligent follow-up work, Duncan was safely arrested on April 20 without incident.

Aggravated flight from an officer is a violent felony under Louisiana law. Those who engage in this reckless behavior put their own lives, the lives of officers, and innocent members of the public at extreme risk. In addition to facing severe legal consequences, they also endanger critical infrastructure and public safety. Shreveport Police Department remains committed to protecting the community and will continue to hold those who flee from law enforcement accountable.