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Operation Curveball Leads to Arrests at Two Vape Shops



Alshameri Ali & Marie Ketterman

As part of Operation Curveball, a citywide initiative to address various forms of criminal activity, the Shreveport Police Department Vice Unit conducted enforcement operations at two vape shops suspected of distributing illegal substances to underage and vulnerable individuals.

On April 23, agents arrested Alshameri Ali and Marie Ketterman during the closure of businesses located at 9126 Mansfield Road and 9312 Mansfield Road.

Ali was charged with:

- Two counts of Distribution of Narcotics & Possession of a Firearm with a Controlled Dangerous Substance

Ketterman was charged with:

- Distribution of Narcotics & Introduction of Contraband into a Penal Facility

Investigators discovered that the businesses were selling illicit street drugs along with unregulated products that are not approved by the FDA. Some of these items contained harmful chemicals believed to have made their way into local schools. Authorities believe the products were being marketed in a way that appealed to young people.

“These types of businesses, when operated without proper oversight, place our children in jeopardy,” said Chief Wayne Smith. “We are committed to protecting our community from those who seek to profit at the expense of public safety.”

Chief Smith is collaborating with city administrators and state legislators to explore legislation that would limit the sale and availability of these dangerous products, particularly to youth.

Operation Curveball is a continuing effort to confront and dismantle threats to the health and safety of Shreveport residents.