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Shreveport Police Continue Crackdown on Armed Convicted Felons



Jeffrey McKenzie, Tommy Thompson, Jerome Jones, Cody Jefferson & Matthew Ware

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to reducing gun violence by removing firearms from individuals who are legally prohibited from possessing them—especially convicted felons.

On July 24, 2025, officers arrested Jeffrey McKenzie, who was found in possession of a stolen handgun. Further investigation revealed that McKenzie is a convicted felon with a criminal history that includes Carnal Knowledge of a Juvenile and Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile (2011), as well as Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (2020).

On July 25, Tommy Thompson was taken into custody by the Shreveport Police Violent Crimes Abatement Team. Thompson, also a convicted felon, was found with a firearm during a follow-up investigation. His prior convictions include Possession of a Firearm in a Firearm-Free Zone (2019) and Possession of a Firearm by a Person Convicted of Domestic Abuse Battery, to which he pled guilty in 2022.

Jerome Jones was arrested during a traffic stop on July 24. Officers discovered narcotics and a firearm in his possession. Jones is prohibited from possessing firearms due to prior convictions for burglary and narcotics-related offenses.

Cody Jefferson was arrested during a traffic stop with narcotics and a handgun. He has a prior conviction for aggravated burglary (2006) and multiple narcotics offenses.

Also on July 25, officers arrested Matthew Ware following a traffic stop in which he attempted to flee in his vehicle and later on foot. Ware was found in possession of narcotics and a firearm. His extensive criminal history includes four prior felon-in-possession of a firearm cases, robbery, child endangerment, and multiple narcotics offenses.

The Shreveport Police Department will continue to take proactive measures to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are legally prohibited from having them. The safety of our community is our top priority, and we will not stop working to ensure that those who pose a threat to public safety are held accountable.

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