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Shreveport Police Investigate Two Cases Involving Theft from Family Members



Melissa Coates & Shambri Kemper

The Shreveport Police Department is currently investigating two unrelated cases involving individuals accused of stealing from their own family members.

In the first case, Melissa Coates is wanted for one count of Access Device Fraud. Coates is accused of unlawfully using her brother's access card to make a series of unauthorized transactions. Detectives discovered that most of the transactions were conducted via Cash App and totaled approximately \$20,000. The incidents occurred in early 2025.

In a separate investigation, Shambri Kemper is wanted in connection with a case involving prescription narcotics. Kemper is accused of picking up a Percocet prescription belonging to her mother without permission on July 15th. Investigators determined she did not have authorization to obtain the controlled substance and noted that Kemper has prior arrests related to narcotics. As a result, detectives have obtained an arrest warrant for one count of Possession of Schedule II Narcotics, one count of Obtaining CDS by Fraud, and one count of Theft.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Melissa Coates or Shambri Kemper is urged to contact the Shreveport Police Department at (318) 673-7300 or Caddo Crime Stoppers at (318) 673-7373. Tips may also be submitted anonymously through the Crime Stoppers app or website.