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## Shreveport Police Continue Crackdown on Firearm Offenses



The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to keeping firearms out of the hands of those who are prohibited from possessing them. In recent days, multiple arrests have been made as officers continue their proactive efforts to reduce gun violence across the city.

- August 3 – *Melvin Burks* was arrested and charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Officers found him armed during a stop. Burks is prohibited from possessing firearms due to prior narcotics convictions and a previous conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm stemming from an aggravated second-degree battery case.
- August 4 – *J'Marcia Bryant* was arrested after leading officers on a pursuit through the city. He was found in possession of both narcotics and a firearm. Bryant is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to prior convictions for battery of a police officer and narcotics offenses. He now faces charges of aggravated flight from an officer, felon in possession of a firearm, narcotics possession, and multiple traffic offenses.
- August 5 – *Tavaris Ross* was arrested and charged with one count of illegal use of a weapon and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Ross is prohibited from owning a firearm due to a prior conviction for second-degree kidnapping involving allegations of forcible rape.
- August 5 – Around 9:45 a.m., officers stopped *Christopher Orange*, who was found in possession of a firearm. He was charged with one count of negligently carrying a concealed handgun.
- August 6 – Members of the Violent Crimes Abatement Team arrested *Demarion Washington* for one count of illegal use of a weapon and one count of illegal possession of a stolen firearm. The stolen firearm was recovered and will be returned to its rightful owner.
- August 7 – *Latasha Thomas* was arrested during a traffic stop after she refused to submit to a lawful arrest. During the arrest, she was found in possession of a firearm. Thomas is prohibited from owning a firearm due to multiple prior felony convictions, including prostitution, narcotics, theft, and illegal use of a weapon. She now faces charges of resisting an officer with force or violence, felon in possession of a firearm, illegal use of a weapon, and several traffic violations.
- August 7 – *Desi Haggins* was arrested and found to be in possession of a firearm. He also resisted arrest and is charged accordingly. Haggins is prohibited from possessing firearms due to prior convictions for domestic

abuse battery by strangulation and felon in possession of a firearm. He now faces charges of illegal use of a weapon, resisting an officer, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

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