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Squatting Arrests



Bobby Franks, Khalid Rollins, James Amos, and Tammy Murphy

The Shreveport Police Department continues to take firm action against squatters and squatter-related offenses following the April activation of the citywide squatting ordinance. This ordinance was enacted to address a growing problem in our community, where abandoned or vacant properties were being unlawfully occupied, often leading to additional criminal activity and unsafe living conditions.

Since the ordinance went into effect, officers have been actively enforcing the law to ensure that neighborhoods are safe, property owners' rights are protected, and illegal activity tied to vacant structures is deterred.

On August 25, 2025, Shreveport Police arrested James Amos, Tammy Murphy, and Bobby Franks for squatting in violation of the ordinance. In addition to the squatting charge, Murphy was also arrested on animal-related offenses after officers discovered conditions that posed a danger to the animals' welfare.

On August 23, 2025, officers also arrested Khalid Rollins for squatting. Rollins was further charged with narcotics-related offenses after drugs were discovered during the investigation.

The enforcement of this ordinance has already begun to make an impact by discouraging the unlawful occupation of abandoned buildings, which are often linked to drug use, theft, and other crimes. The Shreveport Police Department will continue to prioritize this effort as part of its broader commitment to public safety and neighborhood revitalization.

The goal of this ordinance is not only to hold offenders accountable but to restore a sense of security for residents who live near vacant properties. We are determined to protect our neighborhoods and ensure that abandoned structures are not breeding grounds for crime.

The Shreveport Police Department urges residents to report any suspicious activity related to abandoned properties. Working together, law enforcement and the community can deter crime and protect the quality of life across the city.