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## Fuel Theft Suspect Arrested After Attempting to Flee Workers



**Jason Rudolph**

On September 1, 2025, just after 6:00 a.m., Shreveport Police officers were dispatched to the 3400 block of Knight Street near the YMCA in reference to a reported theft.

Responding officers learned that employees of a construction company working on the YMCA soccer field confronted a man they observed stealing diesel fuel from the site. The company had previously experienced multiple thefts and had installed surveillance cameras to monitor the area. Video evidence captured the suspect, identified as Jason Rudolph (04/07/1979), in the act of stealing fuel.

When confronted, Rudolph attempted to flee in his vehicle, colliding with two employee vehicles in the process. Despite his efforts, workers were able to detain him until officers arrived.

Officers at the scene discovered that Rudolph had cut the lock from the fueling system and found cutting tools and other evidence linking him to the theft. A criminal history check revealed Rudolph to be a habitual offender with prior convictions related to firearms, possession of stolen property, forgery, access device fraud, and other offenses.

Rudolph was arrested and booked into the Shreveport City Jail on the following charges:

- Two counts of Aggravated Property Damage
- Theft of Fuel

The Shreveport Police Department commends the quick actions of the employees who helped stop this repeat offender from continuing to victimize local businesses.