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SPD Remove Firearms from Prohibited Possessors in Recent Arrests



Isreal Edwards, Elmer Ford & Brayan Miranda

The Shreveport Police Department continues its ongoing efforts to reduce violent crime by removing firearms from individuals who are prohibited from possessing them. In recent days, multiple arrests have been made, highlighting the department's commitment to keeping the community safe.

On October 3, 2025, Shreveport Police officers conducted a traffic stop that led to the arrest of Elmer Ford (5-7-70). Ford was found to be operating an unregistered vehicle without insurance. During the investigation, officers discovered he was in possession of Schedule II narcotics and a firearm. Ford is a convicted felon with multiple narcotics convictions and a conviction for domestic abuse battery by strangulation, which legally prohibits him from possessing a firearm. He was booked on charges that include:

- Felon in possession of a firearm
- Possession of Schedule II narcotics
- Illegal carrying of weapons
- Traffic-related offenses

On October 2, 2025, members of the Shreveport Police Warrant Unit arrested Isreal Edwards (12-31-78) on outstanding domestic abuse warrants. Edwards resisted arrest but was ultimately taken into custody. During the arrest, officers discovered he was in possession of a firearm. Edwards, who has prior felony convictions for domestic abuse violence and aggravated battery, is prohibited from possessing firearms. He now faces charges including:

- Felon in possession of a firearm
- Domestic abuse battery by strangulation
- Domestic abuse battery with child endangerment

- Resisting an officer

On October 5, 2025, officers arrested Brayan Miranda (7-15-98) following an incident in which he was accused of aggravated assault with a firearm. Officers recovered the firearm, which was found to be stolen. Miranda was booked on charges of:

- Illegal possession of a stolen firearm
- Aggravated assault with a firearm

“These arrests highlight our department’s unwavering commitment to taking illegally possessed firearms off the streets,” said Chief Wayne Smith. “When convicted felons or violent offenders are found with weapons, the risk to our community increases dramatically. We will continue to hold offenders accountable and work tirelessly to protect the people of Shreveport.”

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