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Habitual Retail Thief Arrested



T.J. Maxx

On October 13, 2025, while participating in an organized retail theft operation in collaboration with several area retailers, Shreveport Police detectives were contacted by loss prevention personnel at T.J. Maxx regarding a male subject actively concealing merchandise.

Loss prevention advised that a Black male suspect was observed selecting items, removing the price tags, and concealing the items on his person. Detectives remained on the phone with the complainant while positioned outside the store's front entrance. Upon the suspect's exit, SPD made contact and took him into custody without incident.

The suspect was identified as Gerald Odom. Stolen merchandise from T.J. Maxx was recovered from his person. Additionally, Odom was found to be in possession of suspected stolen property from other retail stores. Those items were seized and logged into the property room as evidence.

A review of Odom's criminal history revealed 20 prior theft arrests with 18 convictions. He was booked into the Shreveport City Jail for one count of Felony Theft (Habitual) and was also found to have an active warrant for Battery.