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## Shreveport Police Make Multiple Arrests Involving Illegal Machine Guns and Narcotics



### Washington, Gaston, Derrick, Smith & Henderson

Shreveport Police have arrested several individuals in separate but related investigations involving illegally modified firearms and narcotics.

Just after midnight on December 11, patrol officers conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of Johnny Gaston and Kentrell Smith. During the stop, officers recovered narcotics and a firearm that had been illegally modified to function as a fully automatic weapon. The possession of a machine gun is a violation of both state and federal law.

Both Gaston and Smith were charged with narcotics offenses and possession of a machine gun. Further investigation revealed that Smith had outstanding warrants for unrelated matters. Gaston was found to be a convicted felon stemming from a prior firearms arrest in 2021.

In an unrelated investigation, Violent Crimes investigators arrested Kevin Washington after he was found to be in possession of a firearm that had also been illegally modified to fire automatically. Washington was arrested and charged with one count of handling of a machine gun.

Additionally, detectives with the Violent Crimes Abatement Team continued proactive enforcement efforts, resulting in the arrest of Derek Taylor and Jordan Henderson following investigations into firearms and narcotics complaints. Both individuals were found to be in possession of Schedule II narcotics and firearms.

Further investigation revealed that Taylor had outstanding warrants and was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to prior felony convictions, including domestic violence offenses and theft of a motor vehicle. Taylor was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Henderson was charged with illegal carrying of a weapon with a controlled dangerous substance and distribution of a scheduled narcotic.

Under the leadership of Chief Wayne Smith, the Shreveport Police Department remains committed to aggressively targeting individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms and those who possess firearms in an illegal and dangerous manner.