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Shreveport Police Make Narcotics Arrests in Highland Neighborhood



Michael Bates & Ernest Fleeks

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department Vice Unit, working in collaboration with agents from the Street Level Interdiction Unit (SLIU), made multiple arrests while responding to ongoing complaints of narcotics activity in the Highland neighborhood.

During the investigation, officers arrested **Michael Bates** after he was found actively distributing suspected narcotics. Bates was also in possession of a weapon that was being carried illegally. Further investigation revealed that Bates had **outstanding felony warrants out of Caddo Parish**. He has been charged with **one count of distribution of narcotics** and **one count of illegal carrying of a weapon**, in addition to the outstanding warrants.

In a related investigation, officers also arrested **Ernest Fleeks** on **December 18**, just after **10:30 a.m.** Fleeks has been charged with **two counts of distribution of narcotics**.

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to addressing narcotics-related activity and working proactively to keep neighborhoods safe. Through continued collaboration between specialized units, SPD will persist in its efforts to protect the community and improve quality of life across the city.

Anyone with information regarding illegal drug activity is encouraged to contact the Shreveport Police Department or Caddo Crime Stoppers.