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Yesterday's Events



Joe White and Brad Robertson

Officers with the Shreveport Police Department's Street Level Interdiction Unit (SLIU) attempted to stop a stolen Dodge Durango earlier this evening. The driver refused to stop, leading officers on a pursuit that ended in the 3400 block of Gorton Street, where the vehicle lost control and crashed.

Following the crash, three armed individuals exited the vehicle and fled on foot. During the incident, one Shreveport Police SLIU agent discharged their firearm. Two of the three suspects were quickly taken into custody. A third suspect fled the scene and remains outstanding at this time.

A large-scale search effort was immediately launched, including the deployment of the Shreveport Police Department Drone Team and aerial assistance from our partners with the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office helicopter. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

Update on arrests:

The two individuals taken into custody have been identified as **Joe White**, age 20, and **Brad Robertson**, age 18.

White is already known to Shreveport Police due to a November 2024 arrest in which he was found to be in possession of narcotics with intent to distribute, along with a firearm that had been illegally modified to function as a machine gun. White was ultimately found guilty of unlawful possession of a machine gun in that case.

During the investigation of this incident, officers seized several pounds of narcotics from the stolen vehicle, along with three assault-style rifles—one of which had been illegally modified to fire automatically. Both White and Robertson will face multiple charges, including narcotics and firearms violations.

Shreveport Police Department Street Level Interdiction Units are actively following up on credible information regarding the third armed individual who fled the scene, and investigators anticipate an arrest in the near future.

This remains an active investigation, and updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

Let this serve as a clear message: individuals who seek to bring illegal weapons, narcotics, and violence into our community will be aggressively pursued and removed from our streets. This enforcement action is not directed at law-abiding citizens who legally exercise their Second Amendment rights, but at those who seek to undermine the safety, values, and well-being of the Shreveport community.

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