

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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## **Employee charged in staged robbery of formal wear store**



An employee of a local formal wear store has been charged in connection with a staged armed robbery of the business Monday morning.

Just before 9:00 a.m., on March 28, 2016, Shreveport Police patrol officers were called to the Squires Formal rental store relative to an armed robbery of the business. Upon the arrival of police, information was gathered from an employee suggesting a white male had entered the store armed with a handgun and removed money from the store's safe. The suspect, who was described as a white male approximately six feet, 200 pounds, left the store on foot following the robbery.

Officers circulated the area in search of a suspect to no avail. Investigators from the Shreveport Police Department's Robbery Task Force were called to investigate the allegations, and were able to gather information linking 28 year old Andrew Perkins to the crime. Perkins, who was employed by the business at the time of the incident, was found to be the person responsible for committing a theft from the business the previous day and later staging the incident to appear as if the store had been robbed Monday morning, when in actuality there had been no robbery. Perkins reportedly provided false information to police in effort to cover the fact he had indeed removed money from the store. Following interviews with detectives, Perkins was arrested and jailed on charges of Felony Theft. Perkins was later booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

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