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Police make arrest in Shots fired incident



Carnell Briggs

On September 1, 2020, Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to the 6100 block of Lexington Avenue on reports of shots fired. Officers located shell casings at that location and collected them as evidence. A short time later, officers located a gray Chrysler 300 abandoned on Tulsa Avenue. The vehicle had multiple bullet holes on the outside and expended .45 caliber shell casings inside of the vehicle. Patrol officers made contact with witnesses who identified Carnell Briggs 7-5-1988 as the individual they witnessed exiting the vehicle and fleeing on foot. The vehicle was impounded as evidence.

Detectives with Shreveport Police Department's Homicide Unit were assigned to the case. They procured a search warrant for the vehicle and collected the spent shell casings. Crime Scene Investigators were able to recover latent prints from the vehicle and those prints were matched to Carnell Briggs. The shell casings were sent to the North Louisiana Crime lab to be compared to the ones at the scene of the shots fired. They were a confirmed match.

Based on the physical evidence and other information gathered through the ongoing investigation, detectives procured an arrest warrant for Briggs charging him with one count of Illegal Use of a Weapon. Bond was set at \$25,000.00.

On September 15, members of the US Marshals Violent Offenders Task Force located Briggs and upon contact observed that he was armed with a handgun. Briggs was ultimately taken into custody without incident. Briggs is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to the stipulations of his federal probation. Briggs was taken to the ATF office for interviews. Following interviews, he was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on his warrant for Illegal Use of a Weapon, one count of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, one count of Illegal Possession of a Stolen Firearm, and multiple traffic offenses.

The Shreveport Police Department thanks our Federal partners for their assistance.

Shreveport Police have arrested Briggs in the past for Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Principal to Attempted 2nd Degree Murder, and Illegal Possession of a Firearm.