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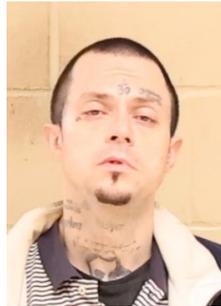
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Wanted Felon Arrested Following Foot Pursuit and Firearm Recovery



Richard Tidwell

Earlier today, Shreveport Police Department officers conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Missouri Avenue. As the vehicle came to a stop, the passenger suddenly opened the door and fled on foot. Officers immediately pursued the individual and successfully took him into custody.

During the arrest, officers discovered a firearm located near the suspect's apprehension site. The suspect, identified as, a 38-year-old White male (DOB: 03/05/1986), was found to have a significant criminal history. Tidwell is a convicted felon, having pled guilty on October 15, 2018, to possession of a firearm and possession with intent to distribute Schedule II narcotics.

In addition to his past convictions, Tidwell had an outstanding warrant from Bossier Parish for the theft of a vehicle. Following today's incident, he now faces additional charges, including:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon
- Resisting an Officer
- Narcotics Charges

The Shreveport Police Department commends the alert and quick actions of the officers involved in this apprehension, which helped ensure the safety of the community.