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Shreveport Police Officers Arrest Two in Overnight Gunfire Incident



Varela Jose Manuel

Shreveport Police patrol officers did a terrific job early this morning, taking two individuals off the streets who sought to terrorize our city.

On June 20th, just after 3:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to the Highland neighborhood in response to multiple reports of gunfire. Upon arrival, officers discovered several locations where shell casings were found in the street and were able to obtain a description of the suspect vehicle.

While canvassing the area, officers heard additional gunshots nearby. They quickly located the suspect vehicle and initiated a pursuit after it attempted to flee. The vehicle came to a stop after violating numerous traffic laws.

The driver, later identified as Varela Jose Manuel (10/15/2000), was taken into custody and was exhibiting signs of impairment. The passenger, Eduardo Delaluz (10/02/2000), was also taken into custody following a brief struggle with officers.

Multiple firearms were located inside the vehicle, and additional evidence was collected at the scene. Delaluz was arrested and charged with one count of Resisting an Officer and one count of Illegal Use of a Weapon. Manuel faces charges of Aggravated Flight from an Officer, Illegal Use of a Weapon, DWI (First Offense), and numerous traffic violations.

Chief Wayne Smith commended the officers for their swift and professional actions, stating: "These officers did a terrific job removing dangerous individuals from our streets. Violence and reckless behavior will not be tolerated in Shreveport."