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Multiple Firearms Recovered; Several Convicted Felons Arrested



The Shreveport Police Department continues its ongoing commitment to removing firearms from the hands of individuals who are prohibited from possessing them. Over the past week, officers from multiple divisions made several significant arrests—each resulting in illegal firearms being taken off our streets.

November 15 – Arrest of Jacoby Hewitt

Officers arrested Jacoby Hewitt, who was found in possession of a firearm. Hewitt refused officers' commands and resisted arrest, resulting in an additional charge of resisting an officer with force or violence.

Once the firearm was recovered, it was determined that Hewitt is a convicted felon due to prior narcotics convictions. He now faces the charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

November 15 – Arrest of KenTravious Kennedy

Members of the Violent Crime Abatement Team (VCAT) executed a search warrant on November 15, leading to the arrest of KenTravious Kennedy. Kennedy, a convicted felon stemming from a 2023 illegal use of a weapon conviction, was discovered in possession of a firearm. He has been charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

November 19 – Arrest of Rashawnda Jackson Yarbany

VCAT officers continued their enforcement efforts by arresting Rashawnda Jackson Yarbany on November 19. She was found with a large quantity of narcotics and a firearm. Yarbany was charged with possession of a firearm with a controlled dangerous substance, along with multiple narcotics-related charges.

November 19 – Arrest of Arthur Washington

Shreveport Police patrol officers arrested Arthur Washington following a traffic stop in which he initially refused to pull over. Upon being taken into custody, Washington was found to possess narcotics and a stolen firearm that had been modified to function as a fully automatic weapon.

Washington faces multiple charges including:

- Flight from an officer
- Narcotics possession
- Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon
- Possession of a stolen firearm
- Handling of a machine gun

A criminal history check revealed prior convictions for aggravated second-degree battery, multiple weapons offenses, and aggravated flight from an officer.

November 20 – Arrests of Jaylon Platt and Jeremiah Reese

Patrol officers were not done yet. On November 20, just after 4 p.m., officers arrested Jaylon Platt and Jeremiah Reese. Both were found with handguns modified to function as fully automatic weapons.

Platt was also in possession of a stolen handgun.

Both individuals have been charged with:

- Resisting an officer
- Handling of a machine gun
- Possession of a stolen firearm (Platt)

The Shreveport Police Department remains steadfast in its mission to protect our community by targeting violent offenders and intercepting illegal firearms before they can be used to harm others. Our officers—whether assigned to specialized units or patrol—continue to work tirelessly to keep Shreveport safe.

For additional information, contact the Shreveport Police Department Public Information Office at 318-673-7300 or submit anonymous tips through Caddo Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373.