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## Traffic Stop Leads to Drug, Firearm Arrest and Foot Pursuit



On March 23, 2026, at approximately 9:16 PM, Shreveport Police officers conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Fairy Avenue and Midway Avenue after observing a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign.

Officers initiated a stop on a 2006 black Mercedes-Benz displaying a fraudulent Louisiana temporary tag. The driver, identified as **John Walker (07/06/1982)**, initially attempted to explain the tag but ultimately admitted it was fake.

During the stop, officers observed indicators of narcotics activity, including the odor of marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle. When officers attempted to detain Walker, he fled on foot, leading officers on a brief pursuit. Walker was apprehended after being tased and taken into custody.

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed:

- Approximately **112 grams of marijuana**, packaged in multiple individual baggies
- A **digital scale with marijuana residue**
- A **loaded handgun**

Further investigation confirmed that Walker is a **convicted felon**, with prior convictions including, **Second Degree Battery** and **Resisting an Officer with Force or Violence**

As a convicted felon, Walker is prohibited from possessing firearms.

Walker was transported for medical evaluation following the arrest and will be booked on multiple charges, including:

- Possession with intent to distribute marijuana
- Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon
- Resisting an officer

- Possession of a fraudulent license plate
- Additional charges pending

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to proactive enforcement efforts targeting illegal narcotics and firearms to keep our community safe.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Shreveport Police Department at (318) 673-7300 or Caddo Crime Stoppers at (318) 673-7373.

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