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## Armed Teen Arrested



**Lemale James**

Shreveport Police officers made an arrest following an early morning incident in the 3600 block of Beckham Drive.

At approximately 5:00 a.m. on December 27, an alert patrol officer observed a suspicious individual and initiated an investigation. During the encounter, officers made contact with Lemale James(19), who was found to be in possession of a firearm.

Further investigation revealed the firearm had an obliterated serial number, a serious violation of the law. James was taken into custody without incident and charged with one count of illegal carrying of a weapon and one count of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

Weapons altered in this manner are often associated with violent criminal activity and pose a significant threat to public safety. The Shreveport Police Department will not tolerate individuals who carry illegal firearms and endanger our community.

Chief Smith commends the vigilance and quick action of the involved officer, whose awareness and proactive policing directly contributed to removing a dangerous weapon from the street.