

Armed man injured following pursuit

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A Spring, Texas man led law enforcement officers from three agencies on a pursuit that ended in gunfire early this morning, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator and DeSoto Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle.

It all started around 1 a.m. when DeSoto sheriff's deputies were alerted to a suspicious vehicle at a well site on Hwy. 510 east of Mansfield. When deputies encountered Terry Leroy Smith he fled in a stolen Dodge pickup.

Smith was pursued by DeSoto deputies briefly into Red River Parish and then into Caddo where deputies from both agencies, along with Shreveport Police, tried to stop his vehicle on Hwy. 1 South. Deputies and officers used spike strips to disable the front tires of Smith's truck, but he continued to flee down Youree Drive, driving on the tire rims in the oncoming lane of traffic.

Deputies and officers pursued Smith through downtown, into north Shreveport, and onto Hwy. 1 North where he abandoned his truck in the 5600 block. Smith ran from his vehicle, pursued by a K-9 - and fell in the grass. When he rolled over and sat up, he was armed with a loaded handgun and pointed it at deputies and officers.

Two deputies - one from Caddo and one from DeSoto - fired at Smith, who was hit in the foot and leg. Smith was taken to University Health Center by Fire District #1 for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. It has not been determined who fired the shots that struck Smith.

Smith, 46, is also under investigation for several other criminal offenses that occurred overnight in Shreveport and Bossier City.