

Shreveport man faces charges after leading deputies on pursuit

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Update: Suspect originally gave a false name upon arrest. (See strikethrough in release.) AFIS correctly identified him at the time of booking as Jessie Taylor.

Original release: A Shreveport man was arrested and faces multiple charges after leading deputies on a pursuit in south Caddo Parish this afternoon, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

Just after noon, the Caddo Sheriff's Office was contacted by a homeowner who said he caught a man stealing a welding machine and trailer from his residence. He tried to stop the suspect from leaving, but the suspect rammed the homeowner's vehicle with his truck and fled.

Caddo Sheriff's Cpl. Michael Page was in the area and spotted the suspect on Wallace Lake Road. Page pursued the suspect to Hemperley and Linwood where the suspect abandoned his vehicle with two flat front tires. The suspect then fled on foot, but was quickly spotted by Cpl. Gary Pace and Sr. Deputy John Berry as he jumped several fences in an attempt to avoid capture. He was taken into custody by the deputies as he after breaking into a car in the 9500 block of Bonnydune.

The suspect was identified as **Jessie Taylor** Michael Atkins, 27, of 9541 Bonnydune. He was expected to be booked into the Caddo Correctional Center for felony theft, aggravated battery, aggravated flight, resisting an officer, driving under suspension, burglary, battery on an officer for biting a Shreveport Police officer during arrest.

The Caddo Sheriff's Office was assisted in the search by the Shreveport Police Department.