

Men arrested for cashing stolen church checks

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Two Caddo Parish men have been arrested for cashing checks stolen from a Shreveport church, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

James Maxie, 32, of the 3600 block of Bellaire Avenue in Shreveport, was arrested Tuesday on 20 counts of forgery for his involvement in cashing checks that were stolen from Living Hope of New Zion Baptist Church. The total amount of checks cashed was over \$11,000.

Maxie was a member and part-time employee of the church. He is accused of forging signatures on the checks and recruiting others to negotiate or cash the checks for part of the profits.

One of those people was 29-year-old Gerame Powell of the 1800 block of Logan Street in Shreveport. Powell was arrested this past week on seven counts of forgery.

Both Maxie and Powell were arrested by Sheriff's Detective Mike King and booked into the Caddo Correctional Center. Maxie's total bond was set at \$100,000. Powell's bond was \$14,000 on all charges, and he has since bonded out.

Attachments



Bookings



Maxie, James

So# 92285

Jacket# 92285

Dob: 07/24/1986

Race: B Sex: M

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 280

