Detectives continue to pound area forgery rings

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More arrests were reported this week by Caddo sheriffâ€™s detectives who are investigating several area forgery rings, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Elnora Armstrong, 23, of the 2900 block of DeSoto, was booked into Caddo Correctional Center for theft and forgery. Armstrong is accused of recruiting people to negotiate counterfeit checks at several businesses in Shreveport and Bossier. She admitted driving people to area liquor stores and other businesses to cash the fake checks and distributing a portion of the money to the person who produced the checks.

Armstrongâ€™s charges also include stealing $2,473 from the finance company where she worked as a customer service rep. She is accused of cashing counterfeit checks at the business for acquaintances posing as customers and keeping some of the money from the checks.

In a related arrest, Charles Edward Washington, 36, of the 300 block of Mayfair, was booked into the CCC for forgery. Washington said he received two counterfeit checks from a woman on DeSoto Street and cashed them at a local food mart.

In a separate ring, Shawanda Ghosten, 29, of the 3800 block of Dilg League, went to five grocery stores and a liquor store and cashed counterfeit checks totaling $3,300. She said she split the money with the person who printed the checks. Ghosten is in the CCC facing multiple charges for forgery, bank fraud, and probation violation.

The cases were investigated by Sheriffâ€™s Detectives Bobby Herring, Yomeka Evans, and Alan Davidson of the Caddo-Shreveport Financial Crimes Task Force.