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Vehicle Thief Returns Stolen Truck After Crashing Twice

Thibodaux Chief of Police Bryan Zeringue announced the arrest of Perrion Smith (B/M, 28 of Thibodaux, La for Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Felony).

On Thursday, January 10th, 2019, at approximately 7:19 a.m., Officers with the Thibodaux Police Department responded to the 500 block of St. Louis Street, in reference to an attempted vehicle burglary. Officers learned that a suspect was caught on video during the nighttime hours, pulling on the door handle of a vehicle. The suspect was unsuccessful in entering the vehicle, due to the vehicle being locked. The suspect then fled the scene on a bicycle. Officers recognized the suspect from the video to be Perrion Smith. The Officers also recognized the bicycle in the video to belong to Smith, due to police having previous dealings with him on it.

At approximately 11:32 a.m., while Officers were attempting to obtain a warrant on Smith for Attempted Vehicle Burglary, the Thibodaux Police Department was dispatched to a business in the 600 block of North Acadia Road. It was reported that someone had stolen a company work vehicle from the premises. Officers learned that the description of a possible suspect seen in the area which was given by several witnesses, matched the clothing Smith was wearing in the attempted vehicle burglary from the night before. Coincidentally, Smith's bicycle was also found unoccupied nearby. A BOLO was immediately sent out for the vehicle to surrounding agencies, labeling Smith as a possible suspect. Shortly after, a neighboring agency advised that the stolen vehicle had just been involved in a Hit & Run Crash in Terrebonne Parish. Officers responded to this location, in attempt to locate the suspect and the stolen vehicle. During this time, employees of the stolen company work vehicle contacted the Thibodaux Police Department again, stating that the suspect had just returned to the scene in the 600 block of North Acadia Road, where he crashed into another vehicle. The suspect, who was still wearing the same clothing Smith was last seen in, fled the scene on foot as the employees gave chase. The employees eventually lost sight of the suspect, but Officers were quickly able to locate Smith a couple blocks away. Smith who had appeared to remove his outer clothing was immediately taken into custody.

Smith was booked accordingly on the vehicle theft and is pending a warrant for Attempted Vehicle Burglary, Hit & Run & No Driver's License. Smith is also pending charges from another jurisdiction for Hit & Run. Smith remains at the Lafourche Parish Detention Center, awaiting bond to be set.

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