



Wanted Suspect Captured

Numerous Additional Arrests Made

AMITE (July 23, 2026)- The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) Street Crimes Unit has arrested a suspect wanted by multiple agencies for multiple cases dating back to 2023 and made nearly a dozen additional arrests in the operation.

Demontay Watkins, 24, was found hiding in an attic Wednesday night at a home on Conti Street in Amite. He's been booked on charges including Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Flight from an Officer, Resisting an Officer, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile, and numerous outstanding traffic violations. Watkins is also being held as a fugitive from at least two other parishes for a recent shooting and running from law enforcement back in 2024.

At the time of the arrest, there were eight other individuals in the home, one being a 14-year-old, as well as drugs and guns. All individuals were placed under arrest for various charges including Obstruction of Justice for their role in hiding Watkins.

TPSO's Street Crimes Unit was established two weeks ago in order to proactively seek out wanted subjects like Watkins, but also to conduct targeted patrols and enforcement activities in our parish's highest-risk communities based on call data associated with violent crime and tips from the public.

If you have suspicions or information about emerging violent crime in your neighborhood, or if you have information about a violent crime that has been committed, the Street Crimes team wants to know about it. Residents can share this information by calling 985-902-2088.

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