

Gunfire: 2 arrested following drive-by shooting

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Two men were arrested Tuesday after a law enforcement officer saw their vehicle actively involved in a drive-by shooting on Bill Bradford Road, according to police and special crimes unit reports.

Kellen Warren Tramel, 31, of Sulphur Springs was arrested by Sgt. Amanda Weatherford at 1:17 p.m. in the 200 block of Sewell Lane in a 2012 Dodge Ram pickup on felony charges of deadly conduct, possession of a controlled substance and felony in possession of a firearm, according to police reports. Tramel remained in the county jail Wednesday morning in lieu of \$50,000 bond on the deadly conduct charge, \$20,000 bond on the firearm charge and \$5,000 bond on the possession charge, according to jail reports.

Aaron Michael Miller, 28, of Sulphur Springs was arrested by Weatherford and patrol officer Seth McDaniel for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Miller was also noted on jail reports to be known by the alias Jason James Clark. He, too, remained in the county jail Wednesday morning in lieu of \$5,000 bond, according to jail reports.

Sulphur Springs Police Department dispatchers at 12:37 p.m. Tuesday answered a complaint of a drive-by shooting near the 400 block of Bill Bradford Road. Officers were dispatched to the area to investigate.

While they were en route, a law enforcement officer for another agency who happened to be traveling in that area at the time then called in to report seeing the gunfire from a dark colored pickup. The investigator kept sight of the black Dodge Ram, following it to the 200 block of Sewell Lane, where he waited for marked patrol units to arrive before approaching.

After receiving permission from the landowner to enter the property, the responding officers, along with sheriff's investigator Lewis Tatum, contacted the pair in the truck in a pasture behind a residence, according to reports.

Both men were placed into handcuffs while an investigation was conducted. Tatum found a baggy containing suspected methamphetamine, which neither occupant would claim. Consequently, both were arrested for possession of the substance, according to arrest reports.

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During an interview conducted by investigators, Tramel confessed to the shooting. He was also found to be a convicted felon, resulting in the subsequent third-degree felony deadly conduct charge as well as the third-degree felony unlawful use of firearm by felon charge, according to Special Crimes Unit Sgt. Investigator Mark Estes.