

# Two arrested for East Jefferson armed robberies

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The Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office arrested two men in connection with the armed robberies of two East Jefferson convenience stores



Damon King, 30, of 247 Marmandie Court, River Ridge, and Thomas Fresh, 55, of 532 Central Ave., Jefferson, were booked Wednesday with two counts of armed robbery, according to Sgt. Larry Dyess, spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

King is accused of using a knife to rob the Circle K convenience store at 4520 Jefferson Highway, Jefferson, and a Shell service station at 9320 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge on Dec. 5. Fresh was the alleged getaway driver.

The Sheriff's Office released surveillance photos of the suspected robber on Tuesday. King was identified through tips to Crimestoppers Inc. and apprehended in New Orleans by robbery detectives. King named Fresh as an accomplice, Dyess said.

Authorities found a maroon 2002 Chevrolet pick-up truck at Fresh's home similar to the one reported to have been used during the robberies. That vehicle had been reported stolen in Jefferson Parish on Nov. 2, Dyess said. Because of the truck, Fresh was booked with an additional count of possession of stolen property.