

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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### **Shreveport Police Investigating Shooting**

A local man is recovering from a life-threatening gunshot wound while another is facing criminal charges following a melee in west Shreveport yesterday afternoon that apparently started with a vehicle burglary.

At approximately 2:07 p.m. on October 30, 2017, Shreveport Police patrol officers were dispatched to M.J.'s Culinary Cuisine and Catering in the 2500 block of Hollywood Avenue relative to a shooting. As officers responded, additional information was received indicating the shooting was the result of a robbery. Upon arrival, patrolmen discovered a 17 year old male suffering from at least one gunshot wound to the upper body. He was transported to University Health by the Shreveport Fire Department where he is recovering at this hour.

Based on preliminary information gathered at the scene of the crime, authorities learned at least three male suspects were apparently breaking into a vehicle behind the business there on Hollywood when they were confronted by the car's owner. One of the suspects allegedly produced a firearm during the encounter and the victim, who was also armed with a handgun, fired at the suspects, striking one of them. The other suspects fled the area on foot and officers immediately began circulating the area looking for them.

A short time later, officers located and attempted to make contact with a male who fit the description of one of the remaining suspects. The suspect, later identified as 17 year old Darrien Miles, refused to stop for authorities and fled from them in an apparent attempt to evade capture. During the foot pursuit, Chief of Police Alan Crump and Lieutenant Matt Prunty both fired their department issued sidearms at the suspect. The suspect, who was not injured, was taken into custody a short time later outside of a home in the 2700 block of Murray Street.

Miles was transported to the Police Complex where he was interviewed by detectives. The owner of the vehicle who allegedly shot the 17 year old was also interviewed by investigators at the Police Complex and released. Miles, of the 7700 block of Ballentine Circle in Shreveport, was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count each of simple burglary and resisting an officer. Once the investigation is complete, the case will be turned over to the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office for review and disposition. Chief Crump, hired by the department in April of 1992, has been placed on departmental leave with pay by Mayor Ollie S. Tyler. Lieutenant Prunty, hired by the department in April of 1992, remains on duty.

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