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Shreveport Police K-9 apprehends suspect accused of domestic violence



Suspect Jason Viers

Shreveport Police have a man in custody accused of strangling and violently beating his live in girlfriend yesterday afternoon.

On November 27, 2017 just before 2:00 pm, Shreveport Police responded to the 300 block of Idema Street in reference to a domestic dispute. Officers arrived and learned that the victim and her boyfriend had an argument that turned violent. The victim, who had observable injuries, told officers that her live in boyfriend, Jason B Viers, 45, also of the 300 block of Idema Street, strangled her then began striking her about the head with his knee, knocking her unconscious. The victim was able to escape the residence and fled to a neighbor's house to call for help. Viers remained inside of his residence and patrol officers enlisted K-9 "Niek" to assist them in taking Viers into custody. "Niek" located Viers inside of the residence and Niek's handler gave multiple commands to Viers, ordering him to submit peacefully to the arrest. Viers clicked, clapped, and tried to call Niek to him and reached out to attempt to pet the fully engaged K-9. Niek snapped at Viers and Viers took an aggressive stance toward Niek and his handler and again refused to comply with the handler's verbal commands, resulting in the deployment of the K-9 and subsequent dog bite to Viers' arm. Viers was then taken into custody and booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count each of Felony Domestic Abuse Battery Strangulation and one count of violating a protective order. There were no injuries to officers or K-9 "Niek". Shreveport Police have charged Viers with Domestic Abuse Battery at least two other times in the past.

Shreveport Police want to remind everyone that there are resources to help victims of domestic violence and we are here to help. Love should not hurt. Please contact a Domestic Violence Investigator at 318-673-6955 for more information on programs that can help you end the cycle of violence. If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

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