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Early morning shooting deemed act of negligence

Shreveport Police learn that early morning shooting of juvenile was the result of the mishandling of a handgun.

On February 16, 2018 just before 9:30 am, Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to the 2400 block of Jones Mabry Road on reports of a drive-by shooting. Officers arrived and located a 13-year-old male victim suffering from a single gunshot wound to the left forearm. The juvenile was transported to University Health Hospital with what was described as non-life threatening injuries.

Investigators with the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit responded and attempted to locate a crime scene but were unable to do so. Detectives learned that the juvenile was in the company of a 15-year-old juvenile at the time of the shooting. After interviews it was determined that the 13-year-old victim was accidentally shot his 15-year-old acquaintance while "showing off" his handgun. The weapon was recovered and the 15-year-old was charged with Illegal Use of a Weapon and Illegal Possession of a Handgun by a Juvenile. The juvenile was booked into the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center.

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