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Woman arrested following shooting of child

Suspect Chelsie Hamm

Shreveport Police are investigating an early morning shooting in south Shreveport that's left a three year old boy injured.

On June 25, 2018, just before 8:00 am, Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to the 100 block of Flournoy Lucas Drive on reports of a child being shot. Arriving officers located a three year old inside of the residence suffering from a single gunshot wound to the arm. The Shreveport Fire Department transported the child to University Health Hospital where his injuries were reported to be non-life threatening. The child's mother, 27-year-old Chelsie Hamm, reported the shooting as an accident, advising officers that the child had gained access to the loaded gun after she only briefly set the weapon down. The child then discharged the weapon, striking himself in the arm. Patrol officers were suspicious of the reports and investigators were summoned. Investigators with the Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Units responded to the scene and launched their investigation. Crime Scene Investigators collected evidence and photographed the scene and investigators began interviews with witnesses and assessment of the crime scene. Following witness interviews and examination of evidence, investigators believe Hamm was sleeping outside of the home on the front porch and left the gun unsecured inside of the home where it was a foreseeable danger to the three small children inside. Following interviews with investigators, Hamm was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count of Illegal Use of a Weapon. Child protection was notified.

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