

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Juvenile injured in major crash**

Shreveport Police are investigating a crash that left a juvenile seriously injured last night.

On July 21, 2018, just after 8:30 p.m., Shreveport Police patrol officers were dispatched to the 2500 block of Devaughn on reports of a crash involving a motor vehicle and a cyclist. Arriving officers located a 12-year-old male suffering from what was described as life-threatening injuries. He was transported to University Health Hospital by the Shreveport Fire Department.

Due to the nature of the juvenile's injuries, investigators Crash Investigation Unit responded to the scene. Investigators gathered evidence from the scene and spoke with witnesses. Investigators preliminary findings suggest that the driver of the Kia Rio, 50-year-old Robert Williams, was travelling east bound on Woodford Street and struck the cyclist who was travelling south bound on Portland Avenue. Investigators believe that the cyclist failed to stop at the stop sign and rode into Williams's path, which resulted in the collision. The juvenile was not wearing a helmet and his bicycle was not equipped with lights. Investigators do not suspect that the driver was impaired. The investigation continues.

The Shreveport Police Department would like to remind parents to ensure their children wear DOT approved safety helmets when riding their bikes. If riding in low light conditions, ensure the bicycle is equipped with front and rear lights and reflectors. All cyclists should wear brightly colored reflective clothing at all times. It is also important that children are taught to monitor and obey traffic signals such as stop signs and red lights.

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