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Officer named in police shooting

Shreveport Police detectives continue their investigation into a shooting involving an on duty police officer Sunday night in west Shreveport.

On September 15, 2018, just before 11:00 p.m., Shreveport Police patrol officers were dispatched to 80th Street and Dillman Avenue on reports of subjects walking down the street firing shots from a weapon. Sergeant Michael Jones arrived on scene shortly after the call was dispatched and observed two men in the roadway that matched the description of the individuals that were reportedly firing the weapons. The two men separated, in what investigators believe was an ambush attempt on the officer. Rodriques Smith, 37, reportedly brandished a handgun and pointed it at Sergeant Jones as he exited the marked patrol car. Sergeant Jones fired shots at Smith, striking him at least once.

The second suspect, 34-year-old Ladarren Jackson, engaged Sergeant Jones, reportedly pointing his weapon as well. Sergeant Jones fired at Jackson striking him at least once. Jackson fled the scene on foot. Smith was transported to University Health Hospital with what was described as life-threatening injuries. Jackson was located at a residence on 83rd Street some time later. He was suffering from at least one gunshot injury and was transported to University Health Hospital with life threatening injuries. Both weapons used against the officer were located and seized. Both suspects remain hospitalized. They are facing charges of Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Illegal Use of a Weapon charges. Sergeant Jones, hired by the department in February of 2000, was placed on paid departmental leave per departmental policy.

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