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Update on holiday robbery initiative

The first phase of the Shreveport Police Department's Robbery Intervention Detail is in full swing and Chief of Police Ben Raymond is pleased to report the effort has been extremely productive.

With additional officers working proactively to address armed robberies during the traditional holiday season, the Robbery Intervention Detail is making its presence known throughout Shreveport. Officers assigned to R.I.D. have made three felony arrests, six misdemeanor arrests, and seized three firearms.

Business robberies have decreased dramatically during 2018, dropping by 58% through the end of October. During the first three weeks of R.I.D., which started in early November, business robberies have continued to dwindle, with three reported from November 1, 2018 through November 21, 2018, as compared to five reported during the same time period in 2017. "We will continue to assess the effectiveness of R.I.D. and make adjustments as needed", noted Chief Raymond, adding, "by putting additional officers on the street armed with specific intelligence relative to the latest crime trends we will send a clear message that robberies will not be tolerated in our city."

The R.I.D. initiative will continue through the end of the year and will focus on those areas where there is traditionally heavy retail traffic.

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