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Suspect in armed robbery, shooting dies following pursuit

In a summary of events leading up to the deadly encounter, Shreveport Police patrol officers were dispatched to the 200 block of East 70th Street shortly after [4:30](#) p.m. on April 10, relative to reports that a man armed with a handgun had just stolen a white, older model, Chevrolet Tahoe. It was further reported that the same gunman had shot a man multiple times at the aforementioned location prior to fleeing the scene. Patrolmen learned moments later that an adult male victim arrived by private auto at Ochsner's LSU Health Hospital emergency room, suffering gunshot injuries to a leg. The unnamed victim, whose injuries were considered non-life-threatening, was reportedly shot by the gunman who had just stolen the Tahoe minutes earlier.

The gunman, who managed to elude responding patrol officers, was spotted a little more than an hour later at approximately [5:54](#) p.m., by Caddo Parish Sheriff's deputies, who at the time of their dispatch, had no prior knowledge of the suspect's actions. Deputies were dispatched to the 5300 block of North Market Street relative to reports a gunman had arrived at a residence there and was threatening to harm himself and persons inside the home. After being spotted by sheriff's deputies, the suspect subsequently led them and officers from the Shreveport Police Department, along with troopers from the Louisiana State Police, on a lengthy vehicle pursuit which spanned portions of northern Caddo Parish and areas of east and west Shreveport. According to pursuing law enforcement personnel, the armed suspect brandished a handgun several times during the pursuit and allegedly discharged the weapon randomly during the incident, narrowly missing innocent bystanders. Multiple attempts to disable the suspect's fleeing vehicle were made by use of tire deflation devices; however, the suspect refused to stop and continued to flee, placing the public at great risk.

During the pursuit, which had been continuing for approximately a half hour, it had become apparent to authorities that the suspect, based on his actions, was willing to continue eluding authorities at all costs and without any regard for the safety of the public, himself or pursuing officers. With this knowledge, law officers in their obligation to protect public safety, ended the pursuit at the intersection of Jewella Avenue at Greenwood Road, ultimately being forced to result to lethal force options. The suspect, whose name has not been released, was recovered by officials with the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office. No law enforcement personnel was injured during the harrowing ordeal. During a subsequent search of the suspect's vehicle, authorities recovered a handgun believed to have been used in the crime. The investigation, which remains in its very early stages will be worked jointly between members of the Shreveport Police Department, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police.

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