

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*

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## **Name of officer involved in shooting incident released**

The Shreveport Police Department has released the name of a Shreveport Police officer involved in a shooting incident Saturday evening in east Shreveport.

At approximately 3:50 p.m. on April 25, 2020, Officer Sparkle Tims arrived on scene of a shots fired call in the 4500 block of Southern Avenue. Upon Tim's arrival, she encountered an armed suspect who reportedly attempted to shoot a female victim during a domestic dispute.

Officer Tims engaged the armed gunman, shooting him once in the upper body. The suspect, identified as 49 year old Hayward Smith, was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to a local hospital. Smith was charged with attempted second degree murder. Tims, hired by the department in 2018, was placed on paid departmental leave by Chief of Police Ben Raymond pending an investigation into the shooting.

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