

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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### **One child dead, another injured after being thrown from Cross Lake Bridge**

Shreveport Police Violent Crimes Detectives have procured warrants for a woman who is accused of throwing two children from the Cross Lake Bridge in west Shreveport this morning.

On September 24th, 2021, at 10:53 a.m. Shreveport Police Cross Lake Patrol officers were dispatched to reports of a child floating in the water near the Cross Lake Bridge. Arriving officers located an infant male in the water. He was pronounced deceased on the scene by the Shreveport Fire Department. Other Cross Lake patrol officers began a canvass of the area and located a 5-year-old male juvenile in the water. He was rescued and transported to Ochsner LSU Health Hospital with what was originally described as life-threatening injuries.

Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Detectives were called to the scene and began their investigation. Crime Scene personnel gathered video evidence and other items of evidentiary value while detectives interviewed potential witnesses. Detectives responding to the hospital were able to speak with the 5-year-old who gave them pieces of information that eventually proved crucial in identifying the suspect, Ureka Black 11-20-1988. She was determined to be the mother of both children.

A multi-agency effort to locate Black ensued. Using investigative tools and techniques, police were able to link Black to a gray Dodge Caravan with a Texas license plate. Black and her vehicle were located at a rest area in Waskom, Texas and she was taken into custody without incident by Waskom Police officers. Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department procured warrants for Black charging her with one count each of Second-Degree murder and Attempted Second Degree Murder. No bond was set. Black is awaiting extradition back to Caddo Parish.

The 5-year-old child's medical status was downgraded from life-threatening to non-life threatening and he is expected to recover.

The Shreveport Police Department would like to thank all of our partner agencies that assisted with this investigation: Shreveport Fire Department, Life Air, Caddo Parish Sheriffs Office, Louisiana State Police, US Marshals Violent Offender Task Force, Bossier Parish Sheriffs Office, Bossier City Police Department, Caddo Parish Coroner's Office, and last, but certainly not least, Waskom Police Department.

No mugshot is available at this time.