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**Man arrested for threatening fire department members**



**William Owen**

On June 5th, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., Shreveport Fire Department responded to a fire in the 2300 block of Levy Street. As Shreveport Fire Department members arrived, they were confronted by a man armed with a knife.

Shreveport Police Officers responded and took the man into custody. William Owen (8-2-67) was arrested and charged with one count of aggravated assault and one count of obstruction of a fireman. No injuries were reported.

Obstruction of a fireman is described in the revised statute as: It shall be unlawful for any person intentionally to obstruct any fireman while in the performance of his official duties. Obstructing a fireman is hereby defined as intentionally hindering, delaying, hampering, interfering with, or impeding the progress of any regularly employed member of a fire department of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the state of Louisiana, or any volunteer fireman of the state of Louisiana while in the performance of his official duties; or cursing, reviling, or using any opprobrious language directed at any such fireman while in the performance of his official duties.

We must remind that all suspects are innocent until proven guilty.