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MAYOR

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STATEMENT REGARDING DEATH IN CUSTODY

Mayor Tom Arceneaux has been briefed about the unfortunate death of a citizen while in custody of the Shreveport Police Department over the weekend. In line with the Arceneaux Administration's commitment to transparency, the Shreveport Police Department immediately notified the Louisiana State Police. Louisiana State Police has taken over the investigation of the incident.

"Any event that results in a death in the Shreveport Police Department's custody is a serious and sensitive matter," said Mayor Tom Arceneaux, "The family of Mr. Kenderis D. Lawrence, the police officers involved, their families, and our entire community deserve a meticulous investigation. The City and the Shreveport Police Department will cooperate fully with Louisiana State Police in its review of this matter."

Louisiana State Police has directed that all communications about the incident come to and from Louisiana State Police. The Mayor's office will comply with that directive so as not to jeopardize the investigation or its independence. Any inquiries prior to the conclusion of the investigation should be directed to Louisiana State Police.

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