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Violent Domestic Abuse Suspect Arrest, Officers Injured



Juan Vargas

On March 7, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Shreveport Police officers responded to a 911 call regarding domestic trouble in the 1100 block of Leander Street. Before patrol officers' arrival, dispatchers received alarming information from a child reporting that the father was harming the mother.

Upon reaching the scene, our dedicated officers took immediate action, successfully apprehending 32-year-old Juan Vargas. However, during the arrest, Shreveport Police officers faced an unexpected threat when they were attacked by the family's dog. As a result, two officers sustained minor injuries from being bitten by the suspect's dog. We are happy to report that both officers are expected to make a full recovery.

Juan Vargas has been taken into custody and faces charges, including one count of domestic abuse battery with strangulation and one count of domestic abuse battery with child endangerment. Animal control responded to detain the dog.

We commend the swift response and bravery exhibited by our officers in the face of danger. The safety and well-being of our community remain our top priority, and we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure justice is served in cases of domestic abuse.

Suspects are innocent until proven guilty.