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Tense Moments During Armed Person Call



Deon Blankenship

At approximately 9:30 a.m., Shreveport Police Officers responded to a report of an armed person in the 600 block of Kingstown Place. A concerned citizen reported a male suspect, carrying a rifle, pacing in a yard.

Upon arrival, officers located the suspect, identified as 27-year-old Deon Blankenship. Blankenship reportedly pointed the rifle at officers, prompting them to take cover. Fortunately, no one was injured during the incident.

Thanks to the officers' training and quick thinking, they were able to de-escalate the situation and successfully take Blankenship into custody without further incident. Blankenship has been charged with one count of aggravated assault against a police officer.

Chief Smith commends the actions of the officers involved and is relieved that no one was harmed. "Our officers demonstrated remarkable composure and professionalism under very tense circumstances," Chief Smith stated.

Suspects are innocent until proven guilty.