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**Man Injured in Neighborly Dispute**



**Demetrius Thomas**

A Shreveport man has been arrested following a violent altercation in the 3500 block of Pleasant Drive on September 12th around 2:00 PM. Responding Shreveport Police officers arrived at the scene to find a man suffering from a large laceration to the head and significant swelling to his arm.

Upon investigation, officers determined that 37-year-old Demetrius Thomas and the victim had been involved in a dispute, during which Thomas struck the victim in the head with a large rock and then allegedly beat him with a stick across the arms. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he is expected to recover.

Thomas was subsequently arrested by Shreveport Police Patrol officers and has been charged with one count of aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon. In Louisiana, aggravated battery is defined as a battery committed with a dangerous weapon and can carry a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

Chief Smith commends the officers for their quick response and thorough investigation, ensuring that those who commit violent acts are held accountable.