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“Kitchen Sink approach” United States Attorney Brandon Brown

Mayor Tom Arceneaux opened the press conference by commending the efforts of all the parties involved—the Shreveport Police Department, federal and local partners, and our entire community—for their dedication to making our city safer. He praised the tireless work done over the past three years, acknowledging that it’s the collaboration and unity of purpose that have brought us to this moment of progress.

The Shreveport Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Wayne Smith, celebrated the conclusion of a three-year public safety partnership initiative—an effort that has truly transformed our community. With the support of key public safety partners, we’ve come together not only to combat crime but to address the deeper issues that fuel it.

United States Attorney Brandon Brown spoke powerfully about the coalition's dedication to a "kitchen sink" approach to fighting violent crime. In simple terms, this means that every resource, every ounce of effort has been thrown into this fight to ensure that our community remains safe from those who would cause harm. This relentless approach is working. By every measure, Shreveport is safer today than it was three years ago. We've seen a dramatic reduction in homicides, shootings, and other violent crimes that once plagued our city. Auto thefts and sexual offenses are down, too. We’re not just talking about numbers—we’re talking about lives saved and neighborhoods becoming safer places to call home.

Chief Smith shared a message of hope for the future, emphasizing that while we’ve made tremendous strides, our work isn’t done. Sheriff Henry Whitehorn echoed those words, challenging the local media to highlight the positive momentum in Shreveport and let the people know that our community is turning the tide.

But this isn’t just about crime stats—it’s about our future. Keith Burton, the new superintendent of

Caddo Parish Schools was present and interim superintendent Leisa Woolfolk reminded us of the bright future awaiting our young people. They spoke about the promise that the next generation holds and the role we all play in shaping a better, safer city for them.

Shreveport is alive with hope and possibility. We are experiencing a wave of positive energy, unlike anything we've seen in decades. Now, more than ever, is the time for all of us to take pride in our city. As citizens, you've made your voices heard, and we, as leaders, have listened. We are committed to making Shreveport the safest, most vibrant place it can be—not just for today, but for the generations that follow.

This journey isn't over. Together, we've shown what's possible when a community pulls together. Let's continue to stand united, support one another, and to work toward a future where Shreveport fulfills every bit of its potential.

Thank you for your trust, resilience, and partnership in making our city a place we can all be proud of.