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Shreveport Police Seek Public's Help in Locating Rape Suspect



Louis James Bates

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit have obtained an arrest warrant for Louis James Bates (DOB: 02/29/2004) in connection with a February 2024 incident involving the rape of a 68-year-old female. Bates faces one count of First-Degree Rape (LA R.S. 14:42).

On September 3, 2024, investigators identified Bates as a suspect through a match linked to evidence collected during the victim's Physical Evidence Recovery Kit. Bates has a prior sexual criminal history, which further substantiated the issuance of the arrest warrant.

If convicted of First-Degree Rape, Bates could face a sentence of life imprisonment.

The Shreveport Police Department is urging anyone with information regarding Bates' whereabouts to contact the department at (318) 673-7300 or anonymously through Caddo Crime Stoppers at (318) 673-7373.