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Shreveport Police Arrest Sex Offender on Two Counts of Second-Degree Rape



Maxell Vann Coates Jr.

Shreveport Police Department Sex Crimes Detectives have arrested Maxell Vann Coates Jr., a 72-year-old on two counts of second-degree rape following a report made on December 1, 2024.

The case involves two victims, including one juvenile, who were transported to local hospitals for treatment. Detectives interviewed the adult victim, who alleged that Coates forcibly raped her and the juvenile.

During the investigation, detectives discovered that Coates was a registered sex offender. Additional evidence collected during the inquiry corroborated the victims' statements and led to Coates's arrest.

If convicted, Coates faces up to 40 years in prison for each count of second-degree rape. The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to protecting our community and ensuring those committing such heinous crimes are held accountable.

Anyone with further information related to this case is urged to contact Shreveport Police at 318-673-7300 or submit an anonymous tip through Caddo Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373.