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Shooting Investigation on Sassafras Street

On January 4, 2025, just before midnight, detectives from the Shreveport Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit were called to investigate a shooting at 516 Sassafras Street. An adult female victim arrived at LSU Ochsner Medical Center with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to her leg.

Detectives interviewed the victim at the hospital, who stated that she was shot once in the leg by her father. However, she provided limited details regarding the events leading up to the incident.

The father was transported to the detectives' office for questioning. During the interview, he claimed he shot his daughter in self-defense after she made threats to kill him and approached her vehicle trunk, where he believed she was retrieving a weapon.

Officers recovered a handgun from the victim's belongings at the scene. Multiple witnesses were interviewed, and their accounts corroborated the father's version of events. Based on the evidence and witness statements, no charges have been filed at this time, and the father has been released.

The Shreveport Police Department strongly advises against using violence to resolve domestic disputes. Firearms should never be employed in arguments, as such actions can lead to tragic and unnecessary consequences.

Anyone experiencing domestic violence or conflicts is encouraged to seek help. Resources are available, and intervention can prevent situations from escalating into violence.