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## Shreveport Woman Arrested for Multiple Counts of Child Desertion



**Leanisha Broom**

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department's Youth Services Bureau launched an investigation after being contacted by officers regarding the welfare of five young children left unattended.

On February 15, 2025, at approximately 11:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 5500 block of Virginia Avenue after a concerned family member expressed worry for Leanisha Broom and her children. The family member reported that Broom was not answering her phone and was nowhere to be found.

During the investigation, detectives determined that Leanisha Broom had not been at work for two days and had not stayed at the residence with her children since Thursday, February 13, 2025. The eldest child, a six-year-old, informed officers that Broom had briefly stopped by that morning to drop off a breakfast biscuit from McDonald's before leaving again for work.

Authorities discovered that Broom had an active bench warrant for three counts of Child Desertion from 2023 and an additional count from 2021. The U.S. Marshals had attempted to execute the warrant on February 13, 2025, but Broom had not returned to the home to stay with her children since that time.

Due to the circumstances, Child Protective Services (CPS) was notified and determined that the children would remain in the custody of a family member pending further investigation.

On February 17, 2025, Leanisha Broom was located and arrested on her outstanding warrants. She now faces five additional counts of Child Desertion for leaving her five children—ages 6, 4, 3, 1, and 5 months—home alone.

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of children in our community.