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Shreveport Police Department Makes Arrest in 2nd Degree Rape Incident



In February 21, 2025, at approximately 16:24 hours, Shreveport Police Patrol Officers responded to a call regarding a 16-year-old sexual assault victim who had reported being assaulted by Melvin Herrera. Officers contacted SPD's Sex Crimes Detectives, who began their investigation immediately.

The victim underwent an emergency forensic interview, during which they provided specific details regarding the assault. The suspect, Melvin Herrera, who remained at the scene, was detained by uniformed patrol officers. He was subsequently transported to the Shreveport Investigative (S.C.U) offices for questioning.

Additionally, a portion of the incident was captured on video surveillance, which further substantiated the victim's account of the assault.

As a result of the investigation, Melvin Herrera has been charged with 2nd Degree Rape (La. R.S. 14:42.1). The Shreveport Police Department is continuing its investigation and is working closely with the District Attorney's Office. If convicted he could face up to 40 years in prison.