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Shreveport Father Arrested for Cruelty to a Juvenile



Tealwood Street

On April 9, 2025, just after 6:00 p.m., Shreveport Police officers were dispatched to a residence in the 6000 block of Tealwood Street in reference to a report of a juvenile being physically assaulted. Upon arrival, officers discovered that a seven-year-old child had been beaten with a piece of lumber by his father.

Officers observed visible injuries and markings across the child's body. The child was transported to a local hospital by a private vehicle for medical treatment. During the investigation, detectives with the Shreveport Police Department's Juvenile Crimes Division responded to the scene.

While officers were still on scene, the child's father, identified as Winston Taylor, returned to the residence. After further investigation, officers determined that the incident began when the child received a "C" grade in conduct at school. In response, Taylor allegedly struck the child multiple times with a 1x2 wooden board—hitting him on the face, buttocks, back, and legs. Officers noted that the child's injuries were consistent with witness statements and the reported method of assault.

Winston Taylor was arrested and charged with one count of Cruelty to a Juvenile.

The Shreveport Police Department encourages all parents to remain engaged in their children's lives and recognize that discipline can be a valuable part of parenting. However, using objects to hit or strike a child is highly discouraged and often results in criminal consequences. Any form of physical discipline should never leave bruises, lacerations, or lasting marks. Discipline, when deemed necessary, must always be administered in a controlled, appropriate, and legal manner.