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Shreveport Woman Arrested for Child Cruelty After Disturbing Abuse Case



Brittany West

Shreveport Police Youth Services detectives have arrested a local woman following an investigation into the physical abuse of two juveniles.

Today, officers were called to Linwood Charter school after staff reported visible injuries on two students, ages 14 and 11. Upon arrival, officers observed multiple scars and lacerations on the children's bodies, some of which appeared to be weeks old.

An investigation by Youth Services detectives determined that Brittany West was responsible for the injuries. Detectives learned that West had used an extension cord to physically discipline both children on multiple occasions. The nature and extent of the injuries were described as extensive and concerning.

Brittany West was taken into custody and has been charged with two counts of Cruelty to a Juvenile.

The Shreveport Police Department wants to remind the public that while parents and guardians have the responsibility to discipline their children, this must never be done in a way that causes physical harm or suffering. Discipline should never involve instruments intended to inflict pain, and it should never be administered out of anger. Striking a child in a manner that results in injury is not discipline—it is abuse.

As April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, SPD continues its mission to raise awareness and educate the community in hopes of preventing these tragic situations. If you suspect a child is being abused, please contact authorities immediately. Every child deserves to feel safe and protected.