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## Shreveport Police Need Community Cooperation After Park Shooting Leaves Teen Critically Injured

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit are urgently seeking information following a brazen act of violence that occurred the night of Saturday, June 22, 2025.

Shortly after 9:00 p.m., officers patrolling near Ford Park at 5800 South Lakeshore Drive heard gunfire and quickly responded. They located a 19-year-old Hispanic male suffering from a life-threatening gunshot wound. He was rushed to a local hospital, where he remains in critical condition. His chances of survival are grim.

Early findings indicate the victim was injured during a gunfight between multiple armed individuals. While detectives are still determining what led up to the shooting, it is Alarming, despite the fact that over 100 people were present in the park at the time of the shooting, not a single credible witness has come forward.

Chief Wayne Smith issued a direct and forceful message to the public:

"This was a cowardly and reckless act of violence committed in a public park filled with people. Someone saw something. Someone knows something. It is everyone's responsibility to do the right thing. If you saw something or have any information, it is your duty as a citizen to speak up."

Detectives believe that individuals in the park may have captured video footage of the shooting. Authorities are pleading for anyone with such evidence—or any firsthand knowledge—to come forward immediately.

If you have information or video footage, contact the Shreveport Police Investigations Division at 318-673-7300 or email them to [shreveportpdpio@shreveportla.gov](mailto:shreveportpdpio@shreveportla.gov)

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