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## Shreveport Police Continue Crackdown on Squatters and Trespassers



### Shaylin Christophe, Michael Rich, Melvin Burks and Cheryl Bayles

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to addressing quality-of-life issues by continuing its initiative to remove squatters and trespassers from vacant residences across the city. Thanks to a recently implemented ordinance allowing officers to make arrests in homes deemed uninhabitable, the department has made significant progress in reducing these nuisance offenses.

On June 25, 2025, officers arrested Shaylin Christophe and Michael Rich for squatting in a residence on Trannie Lane. The following day, June 26, officers arrested Melvin Burks and Cheryl Bayles for squatting in a residence located in the 4200 block of Greenwood Lane.

This effort reflects the department's ongoing dedication to maintaining public safety and improving neighborhood conditions. The Shreveport Police Department will continue to actively enforce this ordinance to ensure that vacant properties are not misused.

Anyone with information related to squatting or similar crimes is urged to contact the Shreveport Police Department at 318-673-7300.