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Shreveport Police Department Addresses Ongoing Domestic Violence in the Community



Kerry Edwards, Demarcus Harvey, Leonte Adams & LilTaja O'Neill

Domestic violence continues to run rampant throughout our community. Unfortunately, this is a crime that often begins behind closed doors, making it one of the most difficult for law enforcement to prevent. In most cases, officers are left responding after violence has already occurred, with limited ability to intervene beforehand.

Over the past several days, Shreveport Police officers have made several arrests tied to serious domestic incidents:

- On July 11, Kerry Edwards was arrested and charged with one count of Domestic Abuse Battery by Strangulation. He also faces an additional charge of Resisting an Officer during the course of his arrest.
- On July 12, Demarcus Harvey was arrested for Domestic Abuse Battery by Strangulation. Due to the presence of seven children during the incident, Harvey is also facing seven counts of Domestic Abuse Battery by Child Endangerment.
- On July 14, Leonte Adams was arrested for Simple Battery of a Dating Partner.
- Also on July 14, LilTaja O'Neill was arrested and charged with Domestic Abuse Battery by Burning, Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault, and Theft of a Firearm. This is yet another incident that had the potential for deadly consequences.

These cases are a stark reminder of the hidden danger domestic violence poses—not only to the victims but to the broader community, especially when children are involved. The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to responding swiftly and thoroughly to all domestic violence reports, but we urge community members to speak up, seek help, and take advantage of available resources before situations escalate.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call the Shreveport Police Department at (318) 673-7300 or reach out to local support services for assistance.