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## Shreveport Police Arrest Registered Sex Offender in Juvenile Case



**Derek Thomas**

Sex Crimes detectives with the Shreveport Police Department have arrested 25-year-old Derek Thomas on one count of *Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile* following an investigation into an incident that occurred in March of 2025.

Thomas, who is a registered sex offender, is accused of transporting a 16-year-old victim out of the city with the alleged intent of engaging in sexual activity. The serious nature of the allegations led to a swift and thorough investigation by Shreveport Police, in coordination with the appropriate agencies.

Thomas has been taken into custody and formally charged. The investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges may be forthcoming as new information is developed.

The Shreveport Police Department is committed to protecting our community's most vulnerable and urges anyone with information related to this case to contact SPD or Caddo Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373.