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Shreveport Police Continue Crackdown on Squatting



Cheryl Bales, Thomas Nelson, Lisa James and Harold Armor

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to taking proactive measures to address squatting and related offenses within our city.

On August 1, officers took enforcement action under the city's newly established anti-squatting ordinance. Cheryl Bales and Thomas Nelson were arrested for violating the ordinance, which prohibits squatting in locations deemed unfit for habitation. In addition to the squatting charge, Nelson was also found to be in possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Enforcement continued August 4, when Harold Armor and Lisa James were both arrested for violating the same ordinance.

The Shreveport Police Department will continue to strictly enforce this law to improve public safety and uphold the quality of life in all our neighborhoods.

Anyone with information about suspected squatting is encouraged to contact the Shreveport Police Department at 318-673-7300.