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## Shreveport Police Investigating Fatal Accidental Shooting Involving Juvenile

On August 9, 2025, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Shreveport Police Department (SPD) officers were dispatched to the 500 block of West 74th Street in reference to a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers were informed that a male juvenile had sustained a gunshot wound and had been transported to Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport by private vehicle. Despite efforts to save him, the child was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

SPD Violent Crimes detectives responded to the scene and initiated an investigation. Preliminary findings indicate that the incident involved an 11-year-old male who accidentally discharged a firearm found inside the residence. Evidence collected at the scene supports the conclusion that the shooting was accidental, and no signs of foul play were present.

The firearm was recovered, and the scene was thoroughly processed for all evidentiary value. The investigation remains ongoing.

This heartbreaking incident highlights the critical importance of safe firearm storage and education. Firearms should always be secured and out of reach of children to prevent such tragedies. The Shreveport Police Department urges all gun owners to practice responsible firearm safety to help prevent future accidents.