



SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

1234 TEXAS AVENUE • SHREVEPORT, LA • 71101 • 318-673-7300

CHIEF WAYNE E. SMITH

SHREVEPORTPDPIO@SHREVEPORTLA.GOV

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

8/10/25

SPD Respond to Multiple Domestic Violence Incidents Over the Weekend



The Shreveport Police Department continues to see a troubling rise in domestic violence incidents across the city. This past weekend was no exception, with several arrests made in separate, serious cases. Fortunately, no fatalities occurred, but the circumstances underscore the potential for deadly outcomes in these volatile situations.

Michael Edwards Arrested for Domestic Abuse Battery by Strangulation

On August 10, 2025, around 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a domestic violence call involving strangulation. During the investigation, officers discovered that the suspect, Michael Edwards, was in possession of a handgun. Edwards is prohibited from possessing firearms due to three prior convictions for firearms-related offenses. He was arrested and booked into the Shreveport City Jail on charges of Domestic Abuse Battery by Strangulation and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

DeCedric Burns Charged with Second Degree Battery

On August 8, just after 8:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 2600 block of Huntington Avenue regarding a reported domestic disturbance. Investigators determined that DeCedric Burns had allegedly choked his niece during a family dispute. Visible injuries were observed on the victim's face and neck. Burns was taken into custody and charged with Second Degree Battery.

Patricia Sloan Arrested for Armed Domestic Attack

On August 10, around 10:30 p.m., officers responded to the 3600 block of Sumner Street regarding an armed person. Upon arrival, officers found Patricia Sloan actively attacking her husband with two knives. Officers were able to disarm Sloan and take her into custody without serious injury to anyone involved. The dispute reportedly stemmed from allegations of infidelity. Sloan's quick arrest likely prevented a potentially deadly outcome.

Ralph Spears Charged in Pursuit and Assault of Victim

On August 8, around 6:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of East Washington Street for an assault and battery call. Investigators learned that Ralph Spears had followed his girlfriend to a friend's residence after she attempted to leave him. Spears allegedly tried to take the victim's purse, leading to a physical altercation. He was arrested and charged with Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault, Two Counts of Domestic Abuse Battery, and Simple Assault.

Jonathan Bryant Arrested for Assault with a Firearm

On August 10, officers responded to a call at Midway Avenue and Ferry Street involving an armed suspect. The victim had gone to retrieve personal belongings from her ex-boyfriend's residence when Jonathan Bryant allegedly struck her multiple times in the face and brandished a firearm while threatening her. The assault was captured on a bystander's cell phone video. Bryant initially refused to identify himself but was eventually booked into the Shreveport City Jail under his true identity. He faces charges of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Aggravated Assault, Domestic Abuse Battery, and Resisting an Officer.

Detrician Williams Arrested for Battery of Pregnant Victim and Child Endangerment

On August 8, around 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 3800 block of Portland Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located a pregnant woman who appeared disheveled and reported she had just been assaulted by her child's father, Detrician Williams. The victim stated that Williams had arrived to pick up their six-month-old daughter when she noticed multiple firearms inside his vehicle. Concerned for the child's safety, she refused to allow the child in the car, sparking an argument during which Williams allegedly battered her. The victim was treated at the scene. Williams was arrested and charged with Domestic Abuse Battery of a Pregnant Victim and Child Endangerment.

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to addressing domestic violence through swift enforcement, victim support, and community outreach. We encourage anyone experiencing domestic violence or who knows someone in danger to seek help immediately by contacting the SPD at (318) 673-7300 or Caddo Crime Stoppers at (318) 673-7373.