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Shreveport Police Arrest Man for Cruelty to Juvenile Following Incident on Abbie Street



Kevin Hatcher

On August 19, 2025, at approximately 6:00 p.m., officers with the Shreveport Police Department were dispatched to a residence in the 1800 block of Abbie Street following a report of a juvenile in distress.

Upon arrival, officers met with a complainant who reported that an 8-year-old female juvenile came to their home stating that her father had thrown her out of the house. The child disclosed that her father had pulled her hair, hit her, and forced her outside. The complainant further advised that the child appeared to have visible injuries.

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department were immediately notified and responded to the scene. Officers were able to identify and locate the child's residence and made contact with her father, Kevin Hatcher.

Hatcher was detained on the scene. Officers observed that he was visibly intoxicated, noting slurred speech, an unsteady gait, and the strong odor of alcoholic beverages. Hatcher admitted that he had been asleep when officers arrived at the residence.

Following a thorough investigation, Kevin Hatcher was arrested and charged with one count of Cruelty to Juveniles. The investigation remains ongoing.

Chief Smith emphasized the department's commitment to protecting vulnerable members of the community:

"The safety of our children is a top priority. We are thankful for the quick actions of the citizen who reported this incident and for the prompt response by our officers and detectives," said Chief Smith.