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Shreveport Police Department Highlights Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Peter Sethavanarath & Veronica Smith

October marks the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to a critical issue impacting our community. Domestic violence continues to be the most prevalent violent crime in Shreveport, often occurring within households between current or former intimate partners. It is not random street violence but the actions of individuals who should feel safe in their own homes that pose the greatest threat.

This year, our department has seen numerous cases that underscore the severity of this problem. On September 25, 2025, Domestic Violence Detectives arrested Peter Sethavanarath following a domestic incident. He was charged with one count of home invasion and three counts of child endangerment. The victim in this case sustained visible injuries.

On the same day, Veronica Smith was arrested in an unrelated incident for domestic abuse aggravated assault.

Chief Wayne Smith emphasizes:

"We must recognize that the greatest danger to many individuals comes from those closest to them. Domestic violence is preventable, and it is our responsibility as a community to intervene, support victims, and hold offenders accountable. We must do better."

The Shreveport Police Department encourages anyone experiencing domestic violence or who is aware of someone in danger to seek help immediately. Resources are available through the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit, local shelters, and our department.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911.