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Chief Smith Announces Major Progress in Wednesday Night Double Homicide Investigation



Joshua Thomas & Travelia Loston

Chief Smith is announcing significant progress in the investigation into Wednesday night's shooting that claimed the lives of two individuals and injured a third.

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit have arrested 17-year-old Travelia Loston on two counts of Second-Degree Murder and one count of Attempted Second-Degree Murder. Earlier today, Violent Crimes detectives also arrested 18-year-old Joshua Thomas, a student at a local high school, on two counts of Second-Degree Murder and one count of Attempted Second-Degree Murder for his involvement in Wednesday's heinous act.

This is a developing case, and detectives are not done. The investigation remains active, with additional arrests expected. Detectives currently have another individual in custody and are continuing to follow strong leads as the case progresses.

This was a terrifying act of violence, and it will not be tolerated in our community.

Chief Smith extends his appreciation to the outstanding work of our Violent Crimes investigators for their swift efforts in identifying and apprehending those responsible. He also thanks the Shreveport Police Special Response Team for their professionalism and quick action in safely apprehending Loston this morning.

We appreciate the cooperation of the public and the patience of our media partners as we work to prepare this case for prosecution and hold these violent offenders accountable.