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Officer-Involved Shooting / Armed Person Investigation



Ardis Chism

On January 21, just before 10:00 p.m., Shreveport Police officers responded to the 4200 block of Markham Place in reference to an armed person call. While enroute, officers were advised that a male suspect—later identified as Ardis Chism—had fired a gunshot at a female at that location.

Investigators determined that Chism was already wanted in connection with an attempted second-degree murder stemming from an incident in October 2025.

Upon officers' arrival, the suspect opened fire, striking and damaging two Shreveport Police Department vehicles. Officers returned fire, and the suspect fled the scene.

Assistance was requested from the United States Marshals Service, which responded and worked in coordination with the Shreveport Police Department Special Response Team to locate Chism at a residence on Greenbriar Drive. Due to the suspect having already fired rounds and disabled police vehicles, the Shreveport Police Drone Team was activated, and the Bossier City Police Department was requested to provide an additional armored vehicle.

Chism was taken into custody just after 8:00 a.m. During the arrest, officers discovered he was suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg, which detectives believe was sustained during the earlier exchange of gunfire with police.

Chism has been charged with illegal use of a weapon and attempted second-degree murder. He now also faces two counts of attempted first-degree murder of a police officer. Additional charges are expected.

No officers were injured during this incident. The Shreveport Police Department extends its sincere gratitude to our law-enforcement partners, including the United States Marshals Service, the Bossier City Police Department, and the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office, which also provided aerial support. Their coordinated efforts were instrumental in bringing this dangerous situation to a safe conclusion.

This investigation remains ongoing. As is standard protocol in incidents of this nature, the involved officers have been placed on administrative leave. Preliminary findings indicate the officers' actions were justified, appropriate, and consistent with their training and departmental policy.