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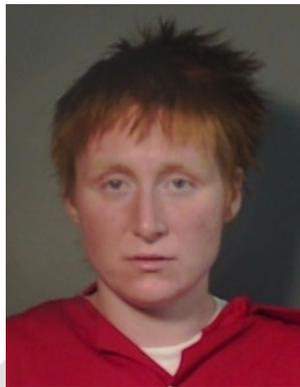
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Shreveport Police Arrest Woman for Battery of Healthcare Worker



On March 5, 2025, at approximately 12:34 p.m., Shreveport Police officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Desoto Street in reference to an assault and battery.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with the victim, a healthcare worker employed at a behavioral hospital facility. The victim reported that the suspect, identified as Samantha Dillard, became upset over a tray of food. During the altercation, Dillard allegedly grabbed the tray and threw it toward the victim before striking her in the face. The victim further stated that Dillard scratched her multiple times, leaving visible injuries.

Responding officers observed noticeable scratches and swelling on the victim's face and neck consistent with the reported assault.

As a result of the investigation, officers placed Samantha Dillard under arrest and charged her with Battery of Emergency Room Personnel/Healthcare Worker.

Healthcare professionals serve on the front lines of our community, often in difficult and high-stress environments. The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to protecting those who dedicate their lives to caring for others. Violence against healthcare workers will not be tolerated.