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Shreveport Police Utilize Advanced Technology and Tactical Response to Safely Rescue Children, Arrest Armed Domestic Violence Suspect



On March 17, 2026, just after 10:00 p.m., officers with the Shreveport Police Department responded to the 4500 block of North Market Street in reference to a reported domestic incident involving a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers, alongside deputies from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, learned that the suspect had barricaded himself inside an apartment with two small children and was reportedly armed with multiple firearms.

Given the high-risk nature of the situation, the Shreveport Police Department deployed its Special Response Team (SRT) and Crisis Negotiations Team. Utilizing cutting-edge tactics and technology, officers developed a coordinated plan to safely resolve the incident.

Officers made entry by breaching the front door using the SPD Armored vehicle known as the Bearkat. SPD's drone technology was then deployed, providing real-time aerial intelligence from inside the residence. This advanced capability allowed officers to quickly and safely determine the precise location of the children without unnecessarily increasing risk.

Armed with that information, a specialized SRT entry team made a controlled extract, successfully rescuing both children from the apartment unharmed. Following the safe removal of the children, officers continued negotiations with the suspect, who ultimately surrendered and was taken into custody without further incident.

The suspect, **Deion Johnson**, has been charged with:

- Two counts of Domestic Abuse Battery with Child Endangerment
- One count of Domestic Abuse Battery with a Dangerous Weapon
- One count of Violation of a Protective Order

Detectives determined that the protective order stems from a prior incident in July of 2025. Johnson also has pending charges related to four counts of domestic abuse battery with child endangerment.

Shreveport Police Chief Wayne Smith praised the response:

“This incident highlights the strength of modern policing—where training, teamwork, and technology come together to protect lives. Because of the swift actions and the use of advanced tools, our officers were able to safely rescue two children and take a dangerous individual into custody.”

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