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Police to implement Holiday Robbery Task Force

The Shreveport Police Department will be putting additional officers out on the street this fall to specifically target those violent offenders who would commit robberies.

As we move into the holiday season, historically Shreveport has seen increases in some categories of crime, including armed robberies. While the total number of robberies reported through the end of October is down 9% when compared to the same time period in 2015, the Robbery Intervention Detail is being called into action as part of an ongoing effort to reduce the number of those crimes we see occurring in our city.

Working towards that goal, officers throughout the department will be hitting the streets this holiday season to proactively target areas of Shreveport where there is traditionally heavy retail traffic. Authorities will focus on several different facets of robbery prevention and investigation, including plainclothes investigators conducting surveillance or other types of undercover operations, intelligence gathering, and marked patrol units saturating areas to further dissuade any would-be robbers. Local business representatives and citizens alike are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police. Motorists should pay particular attention when driving due to the increase in traffic this time of year.

Any business owner or manager that would like officers to come out and put on a free armed robbery prevention seminar for employees is urged to call the Shreveport Police Department's Community Oriented Policing Bureau at 318-673-6950.

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