

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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## **Child struck by vehicle in downtown Shreveport**

Shreveport Police are investigating a motor vehicle accident that seriously injured an 11 year old boy this morning.

Just after 10:30 a.m. on June 9, 2017, Shreveport Police patrol officers were called to the 600 block of Clyde Fant Parkway on reports of a child being struck by a vehicle. Officers arrived and learned that the victim was seriously injured after he was struck by a 2008 Lexus sedan travelling south bound on Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway. The victim was thrown into the north bound lane where he was struck a second time by a silver Nissan sedan travelling north bound. The victim was taken by ambulance to University Health hospital where he is listed in serious condition.

The driver of the Lexus sedan, identified as 70 year old Joseph L. Lepinski, of the 3000 block of Newberry Lane in Shreveport, Louisiana, was detained at the scene, and later transported to the Shreveport Police Department's Selective Enforcement Office for state mandated toxicology testing. Impairment on the part of Lepinski was not immediately suspected. Based on preliminary evidence gathered at the scene, it appears that the victim was walking outside of a designated crosswalk in the lane of travel when he was struck by Lepinski. Lepinski was released and there are no pending charges at this time.

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