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**Shreveport Police Seek Public's Help in Locating Rape Suspect**



Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit have obtained an arrest warrant for Louis James Bates (DOB: 02/29/2004) in connection with a February 2024 incident involving the rape of a 68-year-old female. Bates faces one count of First-Degree Rape (LA R.S. 14:42).

On September 3, 2024, investigators identified Bates as a suspect through a match linked to evidence collected during the victim's Physical Evidence Recovery Kit. Bates has a prior sexual criminal history, which further substantiated the issuance of the arrest warrant.

If convicted of First-Degree Rape, Bates could face a sentence of life imprisonment.

The Shreveport Police Department is urging anyone with information regarding Bates' whereabouts to contact the department at (318) 673-7300 or anonymously through Caddo Crime Stoppers at (318) 673-7373.