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## Mother Arrested After Fleeing Officers During DCFS Custody Order Execution



On March 9, 2026, the Shreveport Police Department responded to 1525 Fairfield Avenue (State Office Building) regarding a welfare concern involving a juvenile.

The initial report was made by a Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) caseworker who had received information from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and LSU Health (1501 Kings Highway) regarding a potential case of medical neglect involving a 6-year-old child.

According to the report, the child underwent brain surgery in October 2025 after being diagnosed with craniopharyngioma, a brain mass. Due to complications following surgery—including hypopituitarism, post-operative diabetes insipidus, and secondary adrenal insufficiency—the child requires consistent and close medical follow-up care.

Hospital staff reported that approximately seven scheduled medical appointments had been missed and six others had been canceled since the surgery, despite attempts by medical staff to contact the child's mother, LaShonda Zenon (DOB: 6/9/1986), to confirm the appointments. Repeated attempts by hospital personnel and DCFS to reach Zenon were unsuccessful.

On January 14, 2026, DCFS received a formal report of medical neglect. As the investigation progressed, DCFS obtained an order for custody of the child on February 26, 2026.

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department attempted to assist DCFS in locating the child at a residence in the 9000 block of Royalton Drive, but several attempts to make contact at the residence were unsuccessful.

On March 9, 2026, DCFS returned to the residence and observed Zenon inside the home but she refused to answer the door or phone calls. At that time, DCFS still had custody authority for the child but law enforcement did not yet have a legal order to enter the residence.

On March 10, 2026, Judge Courtney signed an Ex Parte Entry Order, granting law enforcement the authority to enter the residence in order to locate the children.

At approximately 5:30 PM, officers conducting surveillance observed Zenon exit the residence and approach a vehicle, placing a clear bag containing unknown items and a handbag inside before returning toward the house.

As officers moved in to make contact, Zenon re-entered the residence and refused to answer the door despite officers knocking and announcing their presence.

Officers stationed around the perimeter then observed Zenon attempting to flee from the rear of the residence with her children by climbing over a six-foot wooden privacy fence into a neighboring yard.

Zenon was quickly apprehended following a brief foot pursuit.

The children were safely recovered and turned over to DCFS workers on scene. Officers observed that the children were crying, sweating, and visibly shaken, with minor scrapes and cuts to their hands and feet from climbing the fence. The injuries were superficial and treated with basic care on scene.

Zenon was advised of her Miranda rights and placed in custody. After being advised of her rights, Zenon stated she had received a phone call from an unknown person and had a “feeling” that law enforcement was nearby. She reported going outside, noticing officers down the street, and then grabbing the children and attempting to flee through the backyard.

Zenon also admitted that she had not taken the child to follow-up medical appointments, stating that she had been busy and did not have time.

During the investigation, officers also located Schedule I narcotics at the residence.

Zenon was arrested and charged with the following: Possession of Schedule I Narcotics (40:966), Resisting an Officer with Flight (14:108), Obstruction of Court Orders (14:133.1), Controlled Dangerous Substances in the Presence of Juveniles (14:91.13) – three counts

All three children were placed into the custody of DCFS.