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Police seek suspect in alleged sexual assault

UPDATE: Michael Tyler surrendered himself to Caddo Correctional Center on August 21

Shreveport Police have arrested a man for rape and are searching for two others believed involved.

On October 22, 2016, Shreveport Police Sex Crimes Investigators launched an investigation into an alleged sexual assault that took place at 300 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway in downtown Shreveport. Investigators collected witness statements, statements from the victim, and physical evidence from the scene. Investigators submitted that physical evidence to the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory for DNA analysis.

Sex Crimes Investigators were notified that the DNA evidence recovered during the initial investigation linked Michael Tyler, 46, of Prairieville, Louisiana and Averweone Holman, 26, of Killeen, Texas to the alleged rape. Investigators procured warrants for Tyler and Holman charging each with one count of First Degree Rape. Bond was set at two million dollars each. The US Marshall's Task Force arrested Holman in Killeen, Texas on August 18, 2017. Police are still seeking the whereabouts of Tyler.

After Investigators procured the warrants for Tyler and Holman a female associate of theirs, Tenichia Wafford, 42, of Harker Heights, Texas allegedly sought the victim out in an effort to convince her to drop the charges against Tyler and Holman. Investigators subsequently procured a warrant for Wafford's arrest charging her with one count of Accessory After the Fact to First Degree Rape. Her bond was set at \$200,000.00.

Investigators are asking for anyone with information on the whereabouts of Michael Tyler and Tenichia Wafford to contact Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373 or visit the organizations website at www.Lockemup.org

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