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SHREVEPORT

## Congressman Cleo Fields says 'no words' to describe shooting

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Shreveport Congressman Cleo Fields said there are "no words" that can adequately describe the tragedy of

a mass shooting that left eight children dead in Louisiana's third largest city early April 19.

"Our prayers are with the loved ones, the city of Shreveport and the entire state," Fields said in an interview with USA Today Network. His 6th Congressional

District includes West 79th Street, where the shootings took place.

Fields said members of his Shreveport congressional office staff are on the site of the shooting offering whatever

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## LA AG addresses Shreveport shooting of 8 juveniles

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Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill responded to the Sunday morning mass shooting in Shreveport that resulted in the death of eight juveniles.

"Multiple law enforcement agencies are investigating this tragic situation," Murrill said. "We do not yet know all the details, but I am deeply saddened by the senseless loss of life. I'm praying for the victims and their family member sin the wake of this devastating violence."

Since Murrill's statements, additional details have been released.

According to officials, just after 6 a.m., Shreveport Police were dispatched to a shooting in the 300 block of West 79th Street. The incident, which originated from a domestic disturbance, happened across multiples residences.

Ten individuals were shot, eight of which were juveniles, ages ranging from 1 to 12 years old. According to authorities, the suspect performed a carjacking and fled the scene following the shooting.

The suspect was later shot and killed by authorities.

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The community comes out to show support for the deadly shooting of eight juveniles in the Cedar Grove neighborhood of Shreveport on April 19. HENRIETTA WILDSMITH/THE TIMES

## Eight children dead in Shreveport shooting

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A mass shooting in Shreveport leaves eight children dead Sunday, April 19.

According to the Shreveport Police Department, just after 6 a.m. April 19, police were dispatched to a shooting in the 300 block of West 79th Street. Upon initial investigation, officers determined the incident to be a domestic disturbance.

"This is a rather extensive crime scene expanding two residences here, and there is also another residence on Harrison Street," Shreveport PIO Corporal Christopher Bordelon, said.

Ten individuals were shot during this incident, eight of these individuals are dead, and their ages range from one year old to approximately 14 years old.

"All of the deceased in this case are juveniles," Bordelon said.

According to the police, the individual responsible for this tragedy performed a carjacking and fled the scene following the shooting. The Shreveport Police Department initiated a car chase that traveled into Bossier City.

An officer discharged their weapon, and the suspect was shot and killed. The Louisiana State Police has taken over the officer-involved shooting investigation.

"One subject was shot and has been pronounced dead. No officers were harmed during the incident. This is an active investigation," LSP said.

Shreveport Police Chief Wayne Smith said, "My heart goes out to this entire community for the tragic event that has taken place. I just don't know what to say, my heart is just taken aback."

"We have a hurting community, we have hurting families, we have hurting police officers," Mayor Tom Arceneaux said. "This affects the entire community."

He continued by stating, "I ask all of you listening to pray at your services this morning, not for just this family but for all the victims."

Freddie Montgomery lives across the street from the home where the shooting occurred.

"We didn't know their name," Montgomery said. "You know, we just waved. As a matter of fact, just yesterday afternoon, about this time, the possible person that did this thing was sitting on the porch and I waved at him yesterday, he waved at me. All the kids were playing in the yard... I woke up at 6:30 this morning to iron my clothes, go to church, and I heard someone talking loud, and when I opened the curtain, this Shreveport Police was making entry over there. That's when we knew something was wrong."

Arceneaux expressed his concern for the family and the community.

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## Cedar Grove shootings draw response from Shreveport officials

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Mayor Tom Arceneaux and the Shreveport City Council reacted to the Sunday multiple scene homicide in Cedar Grove that left eight juveniles dead.

According to Shreveport Police PIO Chris Bordelon, 10 individuals were shot, with eight confirmed deceased and identified as juveniles ranging from 1 year old to 12 years old. The suspect was later shot and killed by authorities.

According to a news release from the

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