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8 children killed in Shreveport shooting

Report: Gunman was father to 7 of the victims

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The gunman in a Sunday mass shooting in Shreveport was the father of seven of the eight juvenile victims, according to a report.

The children ranged in ages from about 1 to 14, according to

Shreveport police.

The New York Times identified the shooter as Shamar Elkins, 31, and reported that family members said he had mental health problems and had indicated he was considering suicide.

Elkins shot the children execution style, the Times reported, attributing it to a Shreveport police spokesman.

The children were shot and

killed about 5 a.m. Sunday. Police described a "rather extensive crime scene" at multiple Shreveport residences.

Police also reported Sunday two adult females are being treated at a medical center for serious injuries. A teenage victim also sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Police said preliminary information indicates the gunman first

shot an adult female on Harrison Street before traveling to a residence on West 79th Street, where the children were killed.

The gunman carjacked an adult male at gunpoint near the intersection of Linwood Avenue and West 79th Street, police said. Officers located the stolen vehicle and began pursuing the car. They followed the gunman into Bossier Parish, where officers engaged

him.

"Officers were forced to discharge their department-issued firearms, neutralizing the suspect, who was pronounced deceased at the scene," Shreveport police said in a statement.

Mayor Tom Arceneaux said during a Sunday news conference that such an incident "af-

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HANG ON TIGHT!

Annual Longview PRCA Rodeo rides back into town for two nights of bulls, broncos and more



A rider tries to hang on Friday during the bareback event at the 34th annual Longview PRCA Rodeo at the Longview Rodeo Arena. (Les Hassell/News-Journal Photo)



Spectators stand during the opening ceremony Friday for the Longview PRCA Rodeo at the Longview Rodeo Arena. (Les Hassell/News-Journal Photo)

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The Longview Rodeo Arena was packed with boots, buckles, broncos and more Friday and Saturday nights as the annual Longview PRCA Rodeo rode back into town.

This year's rodeo coincided with the nation's 250th anniversary and celebrated "faith, family and freedom," Ray Bostick, the rodeo committee chairman, previously said.

The annual rodeo is a fundraiser for the Longview Gregton Rotary Club's charitable endeavors.

See more photos from the rodeo at news-journal.com .



Callum MacDonald, 4, rides a mechanical bull Friday at the 34th annual Longview PRCA Rodeo at the Longview Rodeo Arena. (Les Hassell/News-Journal Photo)

Rusk County shuts down what it called sexually-oriented business

BY AMBER LOLLAR
The Henderson News

HENDERSON — Rusk County Sheriff John Wayne Valdez has served a cease-and-desist order to what officials call a sexually-oriented business. Meanwhile, the property owner denies it's a "swing-ers club."

Rusk County residents

packed a commissioners meeting this past week in hopes of appealing to the court regarding LSX, or "Little Somethin Xtra," at 6180 U.S. 259 North.

That followed an anonymous letter, postmarked April 8, that circulated among residents detailing claims about the business and calling for public attendance at the commission-

ers meeting.

The letter raised concerns that the county lacked enforceable ordinances to regulate such establishments.

"This lack of oversight leaves our community vulnerable and underscores the urgent need for clear, enforceable standards," the letter stated.

Through ongoing dis-

cussions with County Judge Joel Hale, commissioners and county Administrative Assistant Mandy Duke, Valdez was able to determine that an ordinance was adopted in 1994 to address this situation. The ordinance prohibits sexually oriented businesses from operating

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Rusk County officials have shut down what it called a sexually-oriented business that was operating at this property at 6180 U.S. 259 North. (Contributed Photo)

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