

# 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

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## WHAT A RIDE!

26th annual Outlaw Nationals Car Show cruises into downtown Jefferson



People check out classic cars Saturday during the Outlaw Nationals Car Show in downtown Jefferson. (News Messenger Photo)

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Classic rides lined the streets of downtown Jefferson on Friday and Saturday for the 26th annual Outlaw Nationals Car Show. The annual event is the longest-running car show in

Jefferson, according to the organization’s website. The event included the display of autos, a live auction, live music and awards.

Rain did not stop Saturday’s show, and people turned out in droves despite the weather.

For more information, visit [www.outlawnationals.com/](http://www.outlawnationals.com/).



People check out classic cars Saturday during the Outlaw Nationals Car Show in downtown Jefferson. (News Messenger Photo)



A vintage Ford is on display Saturday during the Outlaw Nationals Car Show in downtown Jefferson. (News Messenger Photo)



A vintage Ford Ranch Wagon is seen Saturday during the Outlaw Nationals Car Show in downtown Jefferson. (News Messenger Photo)

## Cost of averting state water crisis at least \$174B

BY LANA FERGUSON  
 The Dallas Morning News

The cost of preventing a water crisis in Texas over the next half century has soared to \$174 billion, according to newly released official estimates.

The three-member Texas Water Development Board voted to publish an initial draft of the 2027 State Water plan, providing a glimpse into how the state would need to prepare for conditions during a drought of record — when demands are high and supplies are lowest. The new total is more than double the previous \$80 billion price tag from a few years ago.

The statewide 50-year water plan, updated every five years, is a combination of the board’s 16 regional planning group’s findings and proposed projects. All North Texas counties, including Collin, Dallas, Denton, Tarrant and others, are in Region C.

Texas is a drought-prone state where population growth and strategically-important industries — including high-tech data centers and manufacturing — keep growing. The resulting strain on natural resources makes long-term planning very important, according to experts. Meanwhile, residents have taken notice and voted to approve a historic \$20 billion in funding for water supplies and infrastructure, but leaders fear that money won’t be enough.

“That’s a start,” state Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, said at an event in downtown Dallas last month. “No pun intended: That’s a drop in the bucket.”

Water infrastructure projects are becoming more costly and complex as regions pursue more distant supplies.

Planners said the significant increase in costs to implement the most-urgent projects was expected for a variety of reasons, including inflation in construction costs, extending the planning horizon another decade to 2080, lingering supply

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