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PRESS RELEASE

Shreveport Police Officers Association

Today, our faith in the judicial system has been renewed. For the SPOA members who have had to endure this life changing persecution, you have our utmost respect. The political atmosphere of this Country and this State should never be the motivation for any elected official including the District Attorney of Caddo Parish.

Shreveport Police Officers have one of the hardest jobs in this Country. They work countless hours to make Shreveport safer. That is an overwhelming task. They are placed in harms way every shift. There is gunfire, shootings, fatalities, and murder almost every day of the week. Yet, while the Officers are holding the line and doing everything that they can to make the citizens safer, the District Attorney's office has attempted to weaponize Grand Jury's against the very men and women that are serving this City. If this much effort could be focused on those that are killing our fellow Citizens, we could make progress in Shreveport.

Today, the political fury that enflames and burns across this Country from major media and social media gas lighting, was dowsed with factual and legal reality. The malicious intent to prosecute Police Officers has become a reality, and we ask the people of Caddo Parish, Louisiana to stand up to this political assault on the Officers that serve you each day. Your safety is at risk. Officers are leaving the Shreveport Police Department and these actions are partly to blame. The Officers want to serve in jurisdictions that value and respect the sacrifice and risks that Officers make each day.

Today, we are thankful for the verdict handed down by Judge Chris Victory. We have watched the testimony each day from prosecution's witnesses, including expert witnesses, which has confirmed the complete lack of factual evidence against our members. We felt certain from the very beginning that the District Attorney's Office never had evidence to accuse our members for any crime.

We ask that you continue to pray for our members as they try to rebuild their lives from this tragic event. A tragedy that was catapulted into biased chaos against four Police Officers in their professional and personal lives. Thank you for your continued support as each Officer puts their full measure towards making Shreveport, Louisiana a safer City.

The Shreveport Police Officers Association would like to extend our appreciation to Eron Brainard, Attorney at Law, Sarah Giglio, Attorney at Law, Dhu Thompson, Attorney at Law, and Shonte Wells, Attorney at Law. Your legal service and dedication to law has been immeasurable.

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