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Parking enforcement employees are essential to daily operations in Downtown Shreveport. DDA Parking Patrol employee Detric Bell was met with pure hate and racism a few weeks ago in downtown when workers for SBC Bail Bonds took issue with his request to move their vehicle or risk getting a ticket. After a few tense minutes, Mr. Bell followed protocol by calling the authorities and requesting a meeting with management.

We've become aware of the discrimination and lack of compassion inside the Shreveport DDA. It's disheartening and a shame that employees with legitimate concerns about racism and harassment voices are not heard by leaders who are there to protect them.

Along with video evidence, a police report and eyewitness statements Mr. Detric Bell's cry for HELP and UNDERSTANDING went unanswered and overlooked by management. We can NOT and will NOT have leaders who won't ensure our safety.

We are calling out DDA Executive Director Liz Swaine for your lack of compassion and empathy for your fellow constituents and Janie Landry for your disrespectful and idiotic social media post in regard to the Black Lives Matter movement. Racism has gone on for too long in the city of Shreveport and it will begin to end NOW!

Furthermore, we are demanding the arrest of under Louisiana Revised Statutes Tit. 40, § 1382 for Mr. Victor Llanito of SBC Bail Bonds for brandishing his weapon and threatening a city employee.

"We demand POLICIES NOT APOLOGIES!" ~ Therapist Hasim Jones

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