



**SUMTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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SLED to investigate armed robbery, officer-involved shooting

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SUMTER, SC (Nov. 26, 2017) – The Sumter Police Department and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office have requested the State Law Enforcement Division to investigate following an armed robbery and subsequent officer involved shooting.

At about 8 p.m. Saturday, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a motel in the 4000 block of Broad Street in reference to an armed robbery of an individual that occurred outside the rear of the business. The victim described the armed suspect to law enforcement and provided the vehicle description and license tag which was then dispatched to both City and County officers. The victim further provided information that the suspect was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun.

Minutes later, Sumter Police Department (city) officers observed the suspect vehicle at a business near Broad Street and Highland Avenue. Officers attempted to make contact with the suspect. Officers then gave pursuit after the suspect failed to stop for blue lights and sirens which ended after the suspect crashed into a parked vehicle in the 100 block of Highland Avenue. During a short foot pursuit of the fleeing suspect, the suspect was shot by a Sumter Police Department officer. The suspect was transported to Palmetto

Health Tuomey by EMS where he was treated for a non-life-threatening injury and released.

The suspect, Christopher Jermaine Cummings, 35, of 915 Susie Rembert Drive, was then transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center where he faces multiple charges including Failure to Stop for Blue Lights and Siren- 2nd Offense, Violation of the Habitual Offender Act and Driving Under Suspension-3rd Offense. The suspect will also be charged with Armed Robbery.

Police Chief Russell Roark and Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis have both requested that the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) investigate these incidents.

Further details will be released by SLED in accordance to its investigative process.

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Approved for media release by Chief Russell F. Roark, III and Sheriff Anthony Dennis