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### **6 Year Old Girl Severely Wounded in Accidental Shooting**

(Paulding County, GA) On Monday April 8, 2019 at approximately 5:47 PM, Paulding Deputies responded to 158 Laurelcrest Lane Dallas, GA 30132, which is in The Park at Cedarcrest subdivision, reference a child that had been shot. When Deputies arrived on scene they began rendering aid with other first responders to a 6 year old female juvenile that had a gunshot wound to the head. As soon as they were able, Fire and EMS personnel transported her to an Atlanta area hospital.

Once Detectives arrived on scene they began speaking with the mother of the children about what took place. Detectives were able to discover that the family was loading up in their vehicle to leave the home when the car would not start. The mother exited the vehicle to see if she could figure out what was wrong with the car and that is when she heard the shot.

Preliminarily, Detectives believe that the 4 year male sibling retrieved a handgun from the console of the vehicle and accidentally discharged it striking his 6 year old sister in the head, critically wounding her. This incident took place inside the vehicle in the driveway of the home.

At this point, the 6 year old victim is in critical condition at an Atlanta area hospital. Thus far, no charges have been filed in this case.