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Domestic Dispute Results in Deputy Involved Shooting

(Paulding County, GA) On Friday August 16, 2019 at approximately 8:34 PM a 911 call was placed to Paulding E-911 reference a domestic dispute where an intoxicated male subject had a gun threatening family members. When Deputies arrived on scene at 2562 Highway 101 North (GA SR 101) Dallas, Georgia 30132 they made contact with several family members who had already exited the residence.

The complainant stated that the male was inside the residence and he was possibly armed with a gun. When Deputies made entry into the residence they announced their presence and eventually made contact with the male. The male, later identified as Tristan Lee Payne (W/M, 22 YOA), exited a room in the residence and had a pistol in his hand. The Deputies repeatedly told the male to drop the gun and he failed to comply with their commands. Once the male began to raise the pistol toward the Deputies, Deputy Geoffrey Morris discharged his issued shotgun striking Payne in the arm and shoulder.

Payne fled to the rear of the residence where he was quickly taken into custody. Deputies immediately began rendering aid to Payne and called for Fire/EMS to assist. Payne was subsequently transported to an Atlanta area hospital for treatment of a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the arm and shoulder.

In the early morning hours of Saturday August 17, 2019 Payne was released from the hospital. A short time later he was booked into the Paulding County Jail on two counts of Aggravated Assault (F) where he is currently being held with no bond.

Deputy Morris is on standard paid administrative leave while the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) conducts the investigation into the Deputy involved shooting.