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Man shot in car on Highway 17 near McClellanville

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, May 15, 2023

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office are investigating a shooting Monday that left a driver wounded in the McClellanville area.

The incident was reported shortly after 5 p.m. on Highway 17 near Lofton Road. Responding deputies found the victim lying in the northbound lanes near a Honda sedan. The man reported that he had been shot by an unknown person in another vehicle that left the scene.

EMS transported the man to MUSC for treatment of the serious but non-life-threatening injury.

The northbound lanes of Highway 17 were closed for about two hours as deputies documented the scene.

Detectives are working to determine the circumstances of the shooting. No arrests have been made. There is no detailed suspect description.

Anyone with information can contact the Sheriff's Office at 843-743-7200 or Crime Stoppers at 843-554-1111.

UPDATE Thursday, June 22, 2023

A man was arrested Wednesday in connection with a May 15 shooting that injured a motorist in the McClellanville area.

Richard Elijah Gerald, 23, of Tibwin Road in the McClellanville area was arrested in North Charleston by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force. He was booked at the Al Cannon Detention Center on charges of attempted murder, possession of a firearm in a violent crime and discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle. Bail has been denied on the attempted murder charge.

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For additional information, the arrest affidavits are available upon request to pio@charlestoncounty.org.

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