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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **Shooting / Homicide Investigation**

(Charleston, SC) On July 7, 2015, at around 12:17 a.m., Charleston Police Department Officers responded to the area of Hazelwood Drive to investigate a report of gunshots being heard in the area. A short while later, the victim, a black male, arrived at St. Francis Hospital, and according to initial reports, with two gunshot wounds. The victim was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies were summoned to the scene to assist in the investigation. According to witnesses, the male victim was accompanied by another male and female in a car that was parked on Hazelwood Drive in Charleston. The two male victims exited their vehicle to meet with unknown subjects behind the residence located at 1927 Hazelwood Drive in Charleston. It was at this time that gunshots were fire striking the victim. The victim was transported to St. Francis Hospital by his two friends who accompanied him to Hazelwood Drive.

This fatal shooting is being investigated by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. The Charleston County Coroner's Office is responsible for the identification of the victim. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call CrimeStoppers at 843.554.1111 or the Charleston County Sheriff's Office at 843.202-1700. You can also submit a tip to us directly by visiting the Charleston County Sheriff's Office website at [www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org).

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