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For Immediate Release:

Charleston County Sheriff's Office investigates vandalism to church

(James Island, SC) On July 24, 2015, shortly before 9:30 a.m., this morning, Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to 602 Riverland Drive on James Island to investigate a report of vandalism to Mt. Sinai Evangelistic Church.

Upon our deputies' arrival, it obviously appeared that someone had vandalized the church by gun fire. Our deputies noted about 5 bullet holes to the front window of the church. A church member found the damage and reported it to the Sheriff's Office. The incident occurred sometime between Wednesday, July 22, 2015 and this morning. The church was unoccupied when this incident occurred and no other vandalism was done to the church.

Our detectives and crime scene investigators are currently canvassing the neighborhood to gather information and to process the scene. It is too early in our investigation, to determine if the recent vandalism to nearby black churches is all connected.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is working in concert with other law enforcement agencies, to include SLED and the FBI, in this investigation. Anyone with information about this incident can call Consolidated Dispatch at 743-7200 and ask for the on-call Charleston Police detective or Crime Stoppers at 554-1111.

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