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Motorist Points Gun at Undercover Officer

(North Charleston, SC) On June 20, 2018, just before 5:00 p.m., a motorist (suspect) travelling on the I-526E interchange attempting to merge onto I-26W, became angered at another motorist over apparent road rage. The suspect stopped in the roadway and angled her vehicle with her driver's side door facing the other motorist, in a manner that blocked forward movement. The suspect then presented and pointed a silver handgun at the motorist. The motorist, an undercover detective with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, advised other convoying detectives of the situation. Detectives then conducted a traffic stop on the suspect. Detectives located a silver handgun wedged between the driver's seat and the center console. The handgun was reported stolen.

The suspect, Niquel Simone Wheeler, was arrested for:

- Pointing and Presenting a Firearm
- Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol
- Possession of a Stolen Firearm

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