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## Oceanview Road murder-attempted suicide

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jan. 3, 2022

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded around 3:35 p.m. today to reports of a shooting in the 1200 block of Oceanview Road on James Island. At the scene, they found one person dead and a second person seriously wounded. The wounded person was taken to a local hospital. Detectives are investigating the circumstances of the shooting, but there is not believed to be any danger to the community.

### UPDATE Jan. 4, 2022

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is investigating the shooting Monday afternoon, Jan. 3, 2022, on James Island as a murder and attempted suicide.

Deputies responded around 3:35 p.m. to 1234 Oceanview Road for what initially was thought to be a medical call. Inside the home, they found a woman dead and a man suffering a serious gunshot wound. Deputies secured a firearm nearby.

The wounded man, John Thomas Schaefer, 56, was taken to MUSC, where he remains in Sheriff's Office custody while undergoing treatment. He will face a murder charge. Detectives believe he fatally shot the woman before shooting himself. He is expected to have a bond hearing once his condition improves. A booking photo is not available. The victim is the suspect's mother.

### UPDATE Jan. 11, 2022

The incident report is available upon request to [aknapp@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:aknapp@charlestoncounty.org).

### UPDATE Jan. 28, 2022

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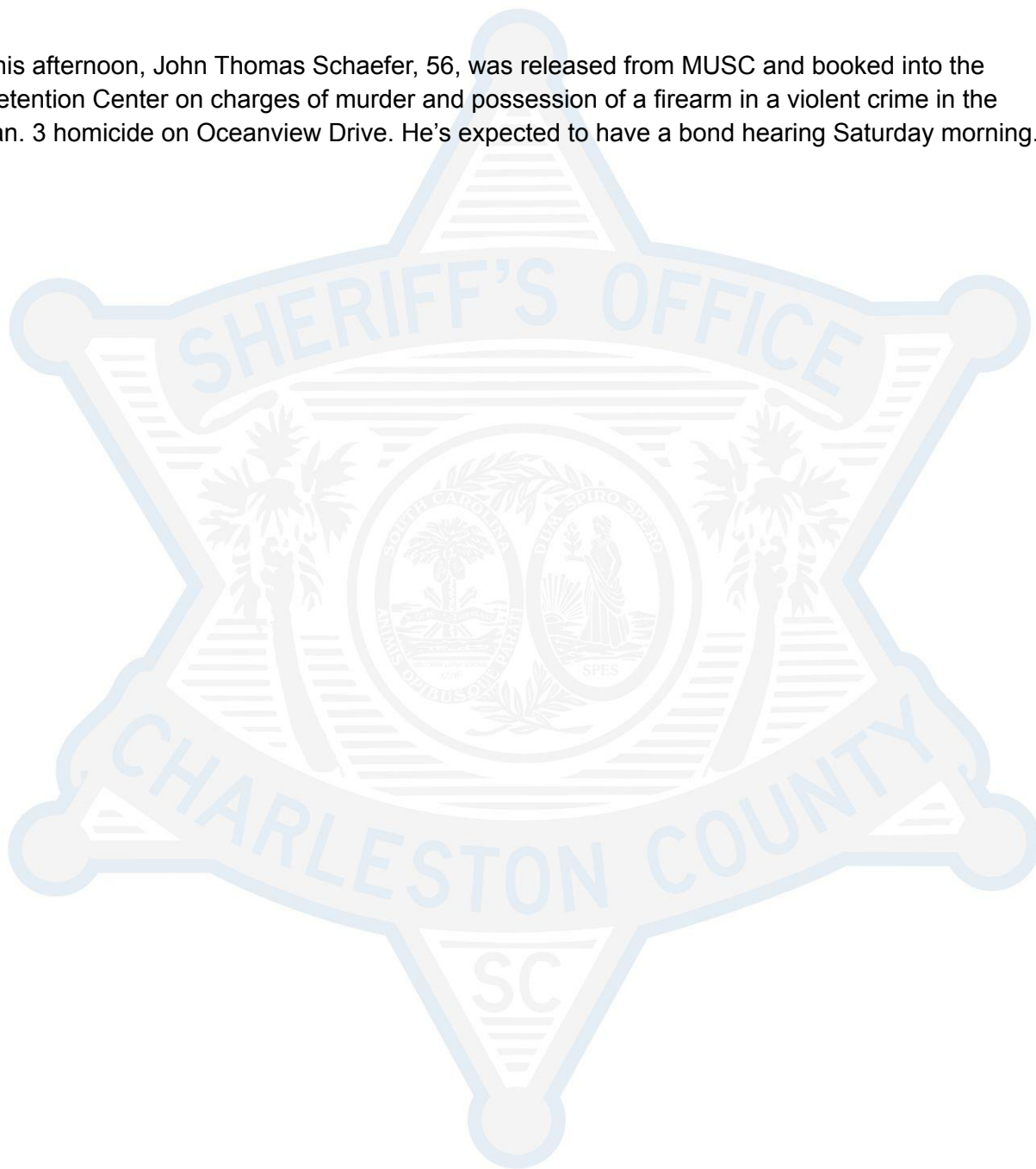


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This afternoon, John Thomas Schaefer, 56, was released from MUSC and booked into the Detention Center on charges of murder and possession of a firearm in a violent crime in the Jan. 3 homicide on Oceanview Drive. He's expected to have a bond hearing Saturday morning.



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