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Woman seriously injured in S. Oakridge Circle shooting

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Monday, May 22, 2023

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Charleston County detectives are actively investigating a shooting that seriously injured a woman early Monday morning in the North Charleston area.

Deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded about 2:20 a.m. to 2710 S. Oakridge Circle, where they found the victim lying in front of an apartment home. She had suffered several gunshot wounds. The deputies rendered aid before EMS transported her to Trident Medical Center for treatment of life-threatening injuries.

Deputies collected evidence and interviewed witnesses. Though detectives continued to investigate Monday, no arrests had been made.

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

UPDATE Friday, May 26, 2023

A man has been arrested in Alabama in connection with the May 22 shooting that injured a woman in the North Charleston area.

Charleston County Sheriff's Office detectives expect to charge Jorge Morales Velasquez, 24, of Chesterfield County, Virginia, with attempted murder, domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature, discharging a firearm into a dwelling and possession of a firearm in a violent crime.

The woman was shot multiple times outside the home. Bullets also struck the home, which contained other people.

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Detectives quickly identified the suspect as the victim's former boyfriend. Chesterfield County police initially worked to locate Velasquez in Virginia. Those efforts by law enforcement continued throughout the week, and the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, in coordination with CCSO, found and arrested Velasquez on Thursday in Escambia County, Alabama.

Velasquez was booked at the Escambia County Jail. He is expected to be extradited to Charleston County to face the charges.

CCSO thanks the Chesterfield County Police Department, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals Service, along with other agencies, for helping to locate the suspect.



The Escambia County Sheriff's Office provided this booking photo of Jorge Morales Velasquez.

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