

# THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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### **SLED FILES CHARGES AGAINST MAN WANTED IN NORTH AUGUSTA POLICE SHOOTING**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a North Augusta man accused of shooting at a North Augusta Public Safety Officer.

Timothy Robert Houston, 40, of 1225 Melody Lane, North Augusta, S.C., will be charged with **Assault with Intent to Kill** and **Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime**.

According to arrest warrants, Houston discharged a semi-automatic handgun at an officer causing wounds to his face.

The crime happened at the intersection of Powerhouse and Liberty Hill Roads in North Augusta on June 3, 2009.

A joint investigation by SLED Regional Agents and Aiken County Sheriff's Department investigators identified Houston as the suspect.

SLED's Fugitive Team in conjunction with Richmond County authorities gathered valuable information on Houston's whereabouts.

It is believed that Houston hitched a ride from someone in North Augusta and traveled to Richmond County, Georgia.

SLED's Fugitive Team members tracked Houston to the America's Best Value Inn on Washington Street in Augusta, Georgia last night.

They immediately called The Richmond County Sheriff's Office and assisted in Houston's arrest around 10:30 PM.

Once inside the hotel room, Houston was found with a female and toddler. Houston was arrested without incident.

Midlands Region Captain Paul Grant says, *“This is the result of good, solid police work and our partnership with the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office. The North Augusta community should rest easy knowing that this dangerous individual is locked up. We are truly thankful that the victim in this case wasn’t killed.”*

Houston is currently being held at the Richmond County Detention Center.

Houston is awaiting extradition to South Carolina to face the above mentioned charges.

Director Reggie Lloyd says, *“Houston’s arrest is the result of a collaborative law enforcement effort. It’s working as a unified team that gets a dangerous fugitive off of the streets. SLED appreciates the hard work of every officer involved in making sure that another life isn’t put in jeopardy. My special thanks go out to The Aiken County Sheriff’s Office, The North Augusta Department of Public Safety, The Richmond County Sheriff’s Office and The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.”*

**Assault with Intent to Kill** is a felony offense punishable up to twenty (20) years in prison.

**Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime** is an offense punishable up to five (5) years in prison.