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Aggressor in Road Rage Incident Accidentally Shoots Himself

(Paulding County, GA) Paulding Deputies responded to a road rage incident where a motorist, who was the aggressor in the situation, accidentally shot himself in the hand.

On Thursday February 9, 2023 at approximately 7:46 AM Paulding E-911 was contacted regarding an assault that occurred with a firearm where a motorist was shot. 911 Operators advised responding Deputies that one of the 911 callers was the actual aggressor who stated that he accidentally shot himself during the confrontation. Dispatchers advised that the individual who shot himself left the scene and was driving to get medical attention. When Deputies finally caught up to the aggressor, he was at Paulding Fire Station 1 attempting to get medical attention.

Deputies got conflicting stories from the aggressor and when they spoke with the individuals on the scene, they realized what actually occurred. Deputies learned, once they spoke with the victims and multiple witnesses, that some individuals were making a lumber delivery to 8033 Buchanan Highway Dallas, GA 30157. While making the delivery, two men were wearing reflective vests trying to direct traffic so the truck could deliver the lumber.

The suspect/aggressor, who was clearly impatient and annoyed by the delay, got out of his vehicle and threatened the men who were directing traffic by pointing his gun at them. As the suspect was getting back into his vehicle, Deputies believe he accidentally shot himself in the hand as he was re-holstering his pistol. According to witnesses and the victims, the suspect told the men he shot himself and to call 911. It was then that the suspect fled the scene to get medical attention.

Deputies closed the roadway in order for Crime Scene Investigations to take photographs and collect evidence. The evidence collected by Detectives was consistent with what the witnesses and victims stated occurred.



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Detectives have not made an arrest in this case yet. However, once the suspect gets released from the hospital, Detectives will interview him and make the determination whether or not he will face charges. If you saw this incident occur or have any audio or video recordings of the incident, Detectives would like for you to call the Paulding County Sheriff's Office tip line at (770) 443-3047 or send a message via the free Paulding Sheriff mobile app.

