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UPDATE- Officer Involved Shooting in Glass Bridge Park

Troup County, Ga. July 30, 2020 – On July 29, 2020 at approximately 2:07p.m., an officerinvolved shooting occurred at Glass Bridge Park in LaGrange which resulted in the injury of a Troup County Marshal's Office Deputy Marshal.

Troup County Deputy Marshals were dispatched to the recreation area on reports of a vicious dog at approximately 1:22p.m. According to the report, a man had been bitten in the leg by a pit bull after stopping to check on the welfare of the dog who was seen in the middle of the road. Upon arrival to the scene, the officers spoke with the man who had a visible bite wound on his leg. Shortly thereafter, the Deputy Marshals began searching the area for the dog. Upon making contact with the dog, an officer shot the dog with a dart gun in order to subdue the animal, which caused the dog to flee. The officers responded by tracking the dog through a wooded area in the park. Once they made contact with the dog again, it launched an aggressive attack on the officers. Both officers opened fire on the dog with their handguns in attempt to cease the attack. During this time, one of the officers was shot in the forearm. The officer was transported to Grady Hospital in Atlanta via AirEvac with non-life threatening injuries. The condition of the officer is stable at this time.

"The officer is recovering well, and we are extremely grateful for the overall quick response of medical units to aid in the care of the officer. We believe that the officer will be released as early as today from Grady Hospital in Atlanta. At this time, our thoughts and prayers are with the officer and their family," said County Manager Eric Mosley. Mosley requested a formal investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI). The investigation is currently active and ongoing.

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