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OFFICER SHOOTING: On April 15 at 2:45 p.m., Charles County Sheriff's officers responded to an alert to an officer in distress at a residence in the 2600 block of Husk Place in Waldorf.

Officers were on the scene in less than four minutes and discovered James Thompson, 33, a Sheriff's deputy, inside the apartment suffering from a gunshot wound to his arm. Emergency Medical Services personnel were summoned to the scene and transported the officer to Prince George's Hospital Center where his injury is said to be non-life-threatening.

Preliminary investigation has revealed Officer Thompson was off-duty at the residence which he shares with his cousin, Christopher DeWayne Jenkins, 28. For reasons still under investigation, Jenkins obtained Officer Thompson's service weapon, a .40-caliber Beretta, and shot the officer in his arm. Officer Thompson alerted police communications via the emergency button on his police radio and Jenkins fled the scene.



Christopher DeWayne
Jenkins

Investigators quickly identified the suspect and launched a search that has spanned across the county and included residences of family members and other locations Jenkins is known to frequent. Dozens of officers participated in the search but Jenkins has not been located. The officer's weapon was recovered at the scene.

Jenkins is a black male, 28 years of age, 6 feet 2 inches tall and 285 pounds and has a medium build. His photograph is posted on the Sheriff's Office's Web site, www.ccsso.us.

Anyone with information about Jenkins' whereabouts is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office immediately by calling 9-1-1.

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