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Dacusville Man Charged following Investigation into Indoor Marijuana Operation

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has charged a Dacusville man following the initial investigation into several Marijuana plants that were found and discovered during a shooting investigation that occurred on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

As previously released, deputies were dispatched to 1389 Earls Bridge Rd at approximately 2:40am following a call from a homeowner that stated that someone may have attempted to break into the residence at approximately 2:00am.

Moments after hearing a loud noise at a rear door, the homeowner was walking through the residence in response to the noise when two rounds from a small caliber weapon were discharged through the front door.

The man inside the residence received a superficial wound to the back of the arm and a second injury to his side. No one else was inside the home when the incident occurred and the homeowner never saw the suspect(s).

During the investigation, detectives located an area inside the residence which had been equipped with indoor lights and other equipment specifically designed to grow plants in an indoor environment. Eight plants determined to be Marijuana that were in various stages of growth were seized from the room. Some of the plants were approximately four feet high.

Marcus Lee Thomas (31yoa) was taken into custody this morning at the Sheriff's Office where he is currently being detained pending his arraignment before a Pickens County Magistrate. He is charged with the following offense:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant#:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u>
Manufacturing Marijuana	2017A3910100386	TBD	04-12-17

No additional information has been discovered regarding the circumstances surrounding the shooting and detectives are asking that anyone with information concerning this incident to please contact the Pickens County Sheriff's Office at (864) 898-5500 or Crimestoppers at 1-888-CRIMESC.

Copies of the Arrest Warrant and mug shot have been attached to this release.

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