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Deputy kills man after assault, police say

A man was shot and killed by a Jenkins County sheriff's deputy early Saturday after assaulting the deputy, authorities say.

The shooting is being investigated by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Jenkins County Sheriff Tim Fields said.

At about 2:50 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a home in the Thrift community where an accidental shooting had been reported, Sheriff Fields said. When the deputies arrived, the man assaulted the officer, who then fired the fatal shot, the sheriff said. The sheriff wouldn't release the deputy's name, citing the ongoing investigation.

Attempts to contact county Coroner Henry Young to confirm the deceased man's name weren't successful late Friday.

Man, 18, charged after 4 relatives found dead

EASLEY, S.C. - Authorities have arrested an 18-year-old man and charged him with murdering his parents and two siblings at their home in Easley.

Authorities say Nathaniel Dickson was taken into custody at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at a home about 20 miles away.

The coroner's office identified the victims as Mr. Dickson's father, Samuel Andrew Dickson Jr., 46; his stepmother, Martiza Hurtado Dickson, 46; his stepsister, Melissa Giliam Salazar, 19; and his brother, Taylor Alex Dickson, 14.

Authorities found the body of Samuel Dickson outside the home after someone called 911 Saturday morning. The other three victims were found inside. Police say Taylor Dickson was apparently shot as he was hiding behind a clothes dryer.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Susann Griffin says investigators do not have a motive.

Gag order issued in shooting of student

AUBURN, Ala. - A judge has approved a gag order in the case of a man accused of fatally shooting an Auburn University student.

Lee County District Court Judge Russell Bush issued the order to curb pretrial publicity that could influence potential jurors' views of defendant Courtney Lockhart.

Mr. Lockhart, 23, has been charged with capital murder in the March 4 death of 18-year-old Lauren Burk, a freshman from Marietta, Ga.

The case will go to a Lee County grand jury.

- Edited from wire reports

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