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**SBI Investigating Officer Involved Shooting in Gastonia**

**Gastonia, NC (August 14, 2019)** - The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation is conducting an officer involved shooting investigation in Gastonia at the request of Gastonia Police Chief Robert Helton. The shooting happened at approximately 10:15pm Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at the Buffalo Wild Wings located at 422 Cox Road in Gastonia. Officers with the Gastonia Police Department responded to a call at the restaurant that there was a man with a gun. Gastonia Police Officer Maurice Taylor, III, arrived at the restaurant and encountered James Matthew Roberts, Jr., 22. Roberts was shot by Officer Taylor and transported to the hospital. He remains in the hospital where he is being treated.

Anyone with information is asked to call the SBI at 980-781-3000. Because this is an ongoing investigation, no additional information is available at this time.

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