

## HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS MEDIA RELEASE

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## **INCIDENT TYPE – SHOOTING INVESTIGATION AT 1105 E GREEN DR (ARREST)**

HIGH POINT, NC – On Saturday, July 31, 2021, at approximately 9:59 p.m., High Point Police officers responded to Apple Tree Grocery, located at 1105 E Green Drive in reference to an Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Upon arrival, officers located the 30-year-old store clerk suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his groin and legs. Officers began rendering aid to the victim until EMS arrived and transported the victim to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston Salem for further treatment. The victim is in stable condition. Preliminary investigation revealed that two black males were impatient and did not want to wait to pay for their beer at the cash register and went into the beer cooler to persuade another employee to take their money when he refused the shooting occurred. Video surveillance captured the shooting.

The High Point Police Department released photos and a portion of the video surveillance for the Community's help in identifying the suspects. These photos of the shooter were released:



During the investigation, the shooter was identified as **Mario Antonio Harrison (B/M, 52, of High Point)**. Warrants for Arrest were obtained on Harrison for Attempted First Degree Murder and Possession of Firearm by Felon. Harrison is also a Violent Crimes Task Force notified offender in 1999.



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Harrison was arrested for the warrants by the Lexington Police Department on 08/08/2021. Harrison was transferred to the Guilford County Jail on 08/10/21. Harrison is being held under a \$1 million dollar secured bond on his charges.



Harrison (booking photo)

High Point Police detectives are still conducting an active investigation into this incident. During this investigative process, detectives will continue to conduct interviews of potential witnesses and involved parties, conduct searches of any people, vehicles, or places that may contain evidence of the crime, and collect any other relevant materials that may aid in investigation or prosecution.

This investigation is still on-going. No further information will be released at this time.

The High Point Police Department remains committed to crime-fighting, community engagement, training, and professional policing. We will continue to collaborate with our community members and crime-fighting partners to promote a higher quality of life. Anyone with information about violent crime or illegal activity is asked to contact Crime Stoppers of High Point at 336-889-4000 or Download the P3 mobile app for IOS or Android.

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