



# Bluffton Police Department

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## Special Investigations Unit Arrest & Recovery of Loaded Gun

Who:

27-year-old Jamal Styles

What:

Bluffton Police Department Special Investigations Unit Arrest & Recovery

Where:

Bluffton Parkway at Goethe Road

When:

March 31, 2016

The Bluffton Police Department's Special Investigation Unit arrested a known and wanted felon last night, March 31, 2016.

It began just before 8:30 p.m. when investigators pulled a vehicle over for failing to display a proper vehicle license. The driver, 27-year-old Jamal Styles, turned into a parking lot but hit another vehicle while doing so. He then continued driving. Styles finally stopped his vehicle, and jumped out and began running. Investigators gave chase. Once Styles was in custody, investigators conducted a search and found he was in possession of marijuana and a loaded pistol. The gun's serial number had been scratched off. It was later discovered Styles is a violent felon of assault on a police officer and considered armed and dangerous. After Styles was placed in the back of the patrol car, he began kicking the door causing damage. Styles was transported to the Bluffton Police Department where he attempted to cause more damage in a holding cell. Investigators then transported Styles to the Beaufort County Detention Center where he remains today.

Styles faces the following charges: Failure to Display Proper Vehicle License, Driving under a Suspended license, Fleeing to Evade, Simple Possession, Unlawful carry of a firearm, Leaving the scene of a collision, Obliterated Serial Number, Violent Felon In possession of a Firearm, Possession of Marijuana, Malicious injury of property.



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