



**Shelby Police Department  
130 West Warren Street  
Shelby, North Carolina 28151**



## **Press Release**

**To:** Local Media Outlets  
**From:** Jeff Ledford, Chief of Police  
**Date:** February 27, 2017  
**Re:** Officer Involved Shooting Update

On February 27, 2017 at 12:55am officers from the Shelby Police Department were attempting to serve a felony warrant for Possession of a Firearm by a Felon in the area of 1201 S. Dekalb Street on 27 year old Joey J. Bridges, Jr of 1027 Mitchell Street. The subject was observed walking in front of the residence on S. Dekalb Street when he went behind the residence. Officers followed him and when they made contact the subject a confrontation ensued. Shots were exchanged and the subject was struck. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The officers involved in this incident were Sgt. John Hamrick and Officer Brandon Smith. Both officers are assigned to the patrol division.

The State Bureau of Investigation has been called in to investigate the case.