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## Shooting in Kershaw; No Arrests Made Yet; LCSO Seeks Public Information

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting in Kershaw.

The call came out at 3:30 this afternoon, Friday, April 3, 2026. Deputies found a 28-year-old male outside a residence on East Stevens Drive who appears to have suffered a gunshot wound to his leg. He was airlifted to a medical facility for treatment. His condition is unknown.

Investigators are on the scene talking with people who might have information about the shooting and are attempting to identify witnesses to the shooting. Investigators are also on the way to the medical facility to talk with the shooting victim. Crime scene investigators are on scene and are collecting evidence. The initial report stated multiple gunshots were fired. No arrests have been made, and no suspects have been identified.

Initial indications are that this was not a random shooting. More information will be made available when it is appropriate to do so.

"We're very early in this investigation," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "Although we haven't identified a suspect or made an arrest, we have received promising information we hope will lead to a full understanding of what happened this afternoon. We believe there were witnesses to this shooting, and I encourage anyone with information about this case to contact us immediately. You don't have to reveal your identity if you prefer not to."

(All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.)

Anyone with information about this or any other case should call the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 803-283-3388 and select Option 4 or submit a tip in one of the following ways: use the link [www.p3tips.com/983](http://www.p3tips.com/983) or download the P3Tips mobile app available for both Apple and Android devices. Crime tips may be made anonymously.

## Easter Egg Hunt at Stevens Park



Many young and old kids enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Stevens Park (photos by Gwynn Laird)

## Hinson, Byrd among those recognized by Kershaw Chamber of Commerce

Longtime community leader Sheila Hinson was honored last Tuesday for her decades of service to the Town of Kershaw during the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet.

Hinson, who has worked behind the scenes on countless local events, was recognized with the President's Award just moments after passing the gavel to her niece, Kelley Boone, who will take over as Chamber President. Hinson

served in the role for more than 20 years.

Over the years, Hinson has helped organize and lead many of the town's signature events, including Spring-athon, the Christmas Parade, Trunk-or-Treat and numerous other community gatherings. She was recognized for her tireless efforts in promoting Kershaw and bringing the community together.

Joey Byrd of Haile Gold Mine was



Joey Byrd accepted the John T Stevens Community Impact award at the Kershaw Chamber of Commerce awards banquet last week. It was presented to him by co-worker and Haile GoldMine Community Relations Coordinator, Beverly Adams.

presented with the John T. Stevens Community Impact Award. Byrd, who serves as Community Development Senior Advi-

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Former Chamber President Sheila Hinson was recognized by her niece Kelley Boone with the President's Award. Hinson had served Chamber President for over 20 years. She was also presented with a portrait of herself which will hang in the Chamber office.

## Week Twelve: Legislative Update

**Immigration, Protecting Children, Insurance Rate Reduction and More.**

Last week at the State House, we continued delivering real results for South Carolina. From strengthening public safety and supporting law enforcement, to protecting children, and improving our public colleges, this was a full and productive week. Here's a summary of what we worked on and what it means for you.



**Cody Mitchell**

**Keeping Our Communities Safe**

Public safety remains a top priority, and this week we took meaningful action to strengthen it. The House passed the Immigration Enforcement Partnership Act (H.4764), a commonsense measure that enhances coordination between state and federal authorities. By strengthening 287(g) partnerships and equipping local law enforcement with clear tools, training, and authority, this legislation ensures more consistent enforcement across South Carolina. It empowers officers to work alongside federal partners and ICE to

identify and process individuals in the country illegally who have been charged with crimes, helping uphold the rule of law and keep our communities safe. Backed by the White House, this effort reinforces our commitment to removing dangerous individuals from our streets while supporting the officers who protect our communities every day.

The House also passed "Fargo, Hyco, Rico, Coba, Wick, Mikka, and Bumi's Law" (H.3034), strengthening protections for K9 officers and horses that serve alongside

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## Armed Robbery – The Forks Convenience Store

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office seeks help identifying a man who robbed a clerk at The Forks Convenience Store at gunpoint last Saturday, March 28, 2026. Just after noon, deputies were dispatched to The Forks at 1594 Memorial Park Road, Lancaster. The store sits in the fork of Memorial Park Road and



Grace Avenue. The man was first observed outside the store near a fuel tank and then sitting on some crates to the left of the entrance door before entering the store after all customers left. He approached the clerk, brandished a small, black semi-automatic pistol and pointed it at the clerk, and demanded money. After getting an undisclosed amount of cash from the register, the man left the store and ran on foot toward Memorial Park Road. No shots were fired, and the clerk was not injured.

The scene was secured, and other deputies and investigators arrived. A K-9 team responded along with members of the Special Weapons and Tac-

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