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North Charleston man charged in overnight drive-by shooting

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Deputies with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded to the 700 block of Tupelo Forest Drive in Awendaw shortly after 5 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, for reports of a shooting in the area.

Deputies made contact with a victim at a nearby gas station who stated they had been shot at by another vehicle while traveling northbound on Highway 17 near Bulls Bay Boulevard. They stated they observed a dark SUV parked on the side of the road. When the victim made a lane change to avoid the SUV, they said they heard multiple gunshots and realized they were being shot at before pulling over to call law enforcement. No injuries were reported.

A short time later, the Mount Pleasant Police Department notified CCSO that their officers were with a possible suspected vehicle near Highway 17 and Highway 41 after a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Vaneil Lamaar Morehead, 23, later confessed to the shooting. He also confessed to consuming Psilocybin mushrooms before the incident.

Morehead was booked at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. He is charged with one count of Attempted Murder, one count of Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, one count of being a Habitual Traffic Offender, and one count of Possession of Another Controlled Substance.

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