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Subject: Media question regarding Arrest on Statehouse Grounds

Lieutenant Governor's Office-

We've received the below report about damage to the statehouse near Lt. Gov. Bryant's office.

Do you know if the person targeted Bryant's office? Was there any damage done inside, or cleanup required, because of the broken glass?

Thanks,

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MEDIA:

A man was arrested by the Bureau of Protective Services on Statehouse grounds around 4 a.m. today – June 11, 2017, for damaging state property. Two BPS officers were on routine patrol when they encountered a male subject coming down the South steps of the Statehouse. He was speaking loudly to the officers and began walking toward them with a 2X4 piece of wood in his hand. The officers gave the subject verbal commands to stop and drop the object and presented a taser, which was not deployed. The subject became compliant and was placed in handcuffs. He admitted to them that he had broken out the windows of the Eastside of the Statehouse grounds, which is the entrance to the lieutenant governor's office. He also told the officers he had broken out windows on vehicles on Main Street. BPS reported this incident to the Columbia Police Department.

Ernest Rodney Thompson, 46, was arrested and charged with damage to state property. He was transported to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Columbia. BPS immediately secured and cordoned off the area and contacted the Department of Administration, which will be responsible for repairs to the Statehouse property. The Eastside steps will remain cordoned off and closed to visitors throughout the day today.