

## **GBI not finished looking into shootings - Walton Tribune, The (Monroe, GA) - October 3, 2018**

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MONROE, Ga. — The state is continuing to look into two police shootings from the last four months.

Twice — once in June on Lovers Lane and again in July on Social Circle-Fairplay Road — local law enforcement shot at suspects. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation was called in to investigate and turn over its findings to the Alcovy Circuit district attorney's office.

But that hasn't happened yet.

"Investigating agencies are waiting on additional tests," Nelly Miles, director of the GBI Office of Public Affairs, told The Walton Tribune.

On June 12, Walton County sheriff's deputies were called to a home at 3775 Lovers Lane, Monroe, about a disturbance involving a family member with a gun.

Chauvis Hollis, 26, reportedly was exhibiting erratic behavior. Multiple deputies entered the home along with a family member in an attempt to calm Hollis. During the encounter, Hollis raised his gun and fired it, striking the family member.

One deputy reportedly returned fire, striking Hollis and killing him. The relative survived and no officers were injured.

On July 26, a man later identified as 43-year-old **William Earnest Brooks** died after behind shot at by agents from numerous agencies.

Deputies got a call of an intruder riding an ATV outside a home on Social Circle-Fairplay Road. He ran from the first deputies who arrived, leading to a physical altercation in which Brooks overpowered a deputy, who drew his service weapon and fired one round.

It's unknown if Brooks was hit then, but Brooks took the gun and ran deeper into the woods. By this point more deputies, plus state troopers, Social Circle police officers and Georgia Department of Natural Resources rangers arrived on scene.

A Georgia State Patrol helicopter saw Brooks turn toward the shoreline of Hard Labor Creek Reservoir and brandish a weapon.

Multiple officers from the Sheriff's Office and one officer from the Social Circle Police Department fired at Brooks, who died on the scene.