

## CRIME

# Man, 36, shot in Grovetown by mother of his child in act of self-defense



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A man was shot Monday evening in Grovetown by the mother of his child in what police are calling an act of self-defense.

Grovetown Police said Devaris Hampton, 36, was trying to gain entry into a home on the 7600 block of Main Street, where his former partner lived. Though the victim is nine months pregnant with Hampton's unborn child and they already are parents to a 2-year-old girl, she had ended their relationship.

The victim told police Hampton had been beating on the front door of the home and broken a window in an attempt to gain entry when she fired at Hampton, hitting him in the upper left arm, said police.

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Authorities said Hampton then fled, beat on the door of another home and asked the residents to call police. The victim had previously texted her family, asking them to call police.

Hampton was taken to a hospital to treat his injury before being released and committed to the Columbia County Detention Center on unrelated, outstanding probation warrants as well as a criminal trespass – family violence charge, said Grovetown Police. The victim suffered no physical injuries during the incident.

Police called the incident an act of self-defense and the mother will face no charges.