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**SHOOTING INCIDENT AT SOGAKOPE CUSTOMS
CHECKPOINT**

Off Starlets '91 Street, Accra, Thursday, 20th February, 2025, 21:00 GMT: The Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) has initiated an investigation into a shooting incident that occurred at the Sogakope Customs checkpoint on February 19, 2025.

Officers of the Customs Division stationed at the Sogakope checkpoint received intelligence on a suspected uncustomed Mercedes-Benz E350 sedan being smuggled from Togo into Ghana. While attempting to apprehend the vehicle and its occupants, the occupants abandoned the vehicle and started fleeing.

In response, the team fired some warning shots. Unfortunately, a bystander was reported to have been struck by a stray bullet a few metres from the checkpoint. The injured person was rushed to the Sogakope Comboni Hospital for medical attention and is responding to treatment.

GRA assures the public that the incident is being investigated and that all necessary measures are being taken to ensure the safety and well-being of persons affected.

We sympathize with persons affected by the unfortunate incident which occurred in the course of protection of revenue at the country's borders and remain committed to our mission of ensuring the safety and security of all stakeholders.

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About GRA

The Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) was established in 2009 as a merger of the three former revenue agencies and the Revenue Agencies Governing Board (RAGB) in accordance with the Ghana Revenue Authority Act 2009, (Act 791). GRA is charged with the mandate of assessing, collecting and accounting for tax revenue in Ghana.

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