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### **SLED CONTINUING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION IN FLORENCE COUNTY**

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division continue their investigation of an incident Wednesday night where gunfire was exchanged between a suspect and officers of Florence Police Department. The suspect was killed in the incident. No other injuries are reported.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer involved shooting investigations at the request of the agency involved in the incident. These independent investigations follow SLED's guidance in conducting interviews along with the gathering and analysis of forensic evidence. Interviews are being conducted with the responding officers and others.

Information gathered in the SLED investigation of the incident will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.

This is an ongoing investigation. No other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the Florence Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in Florence County was the 13<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020 and the first this year involving the Florence Police Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Florence Police Department.

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