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

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division continue their investigation of an incident early Sunday in which one man was shot and wounded in a confrontation with a deputy from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. The suspect was taken to a local hospital in serious condition. 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 Beaufort County Sheriff's Office for any information about their deputy.

The incident in Beaufort County was the 15<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020 and the first this year involving the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

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