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SLED CONTINUING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION IN CHARLESTON COUNTY

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division continue their investigation of an incident early Friday morning in which gunfire was exchanged between a man and law enforcement from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) following an attempted traffic stop and high-speed pursuit. The pursuit originated in Orangeburg County and concluded at a rest stop in Charleston County. The man was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries while another person at the scene was killed. No law enforcement personnel were reported injured. The law enforcement agencies that participated in the pursuit included SCHP, Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, Charleston County Sheriff's Office and Berkeley County Sheriff's Office.

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 Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and SCHP for any information about their personnel.

The incident in Charleston County was the 16th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020 and the first this year involving the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and first for the SCHP. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and three involved the SCHP.

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