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### **SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN FLORENCE COUNTY**

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Friday morning where an officer from the Florence Police Department discharged their firearm during the execution of search and arrest warrants. The warrants are related to a recent shooting in the area along with reported drug activity. No one was injured in the incident.

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 personnel.

The incident in Florence County was the 19<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020 and the second 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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