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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN HAMPTON AND AIKEN COUNTIES

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating two separate and unrelated officer involved shooting incidents.

The first incident took place Tuesday morning when officers from the Hampton Police Department located and confronted an individual with numerous outstanding warrants. During the confrontation, shots were fired at the suspect's vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle as the suspect tried to evade arrest. The suspect eventually was taken into custody. No injuries were reported from the incident.

The second incident took place Wednesday afternoon in Aiken County after law enforcement responded to a domestic violence situation involving a firearm. When deputies from Aiken County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene, an armed suspect fled on foot into the woods. Deputies pursued and encountered the suspect with handguns in both hands. Shots were fired in a confrontation with deputies, striking the suspect. The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he later died. No deputies were injured.

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 investigations of these incidents will be summarized in case file reports to be submitted to prosecutors.

These are ongoing investigations. No other information about the cases will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to Hampton Police Department and Aiken County Sheriff's Office for any information about their officers.

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The incidents in Hampton and Aiken Counties are the 20th and 21st officer involved shootings in South Carolina in 2020. It is the first incident this year involving the Hampton Police Department and the first incident involving Aiken County Sheriff's Office. In 2019 there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved the Hampton Police Department and none involved the Aiken County Sheriff's Office.

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