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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN BERKELEY COUNTY

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident in which gunfire was exchanged between a man and a deputy from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. The deputy encountered the man while responding to a domestic suicide call late Wednesday night. The man was shot during the confrontation. He was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No other injuries are reported at this time.

SLED conducts law enforcement officer involved shooting (OIS) investigations at the request of the agency involved in the incident. When requested to investigate an OIS, SLED's goal is to conduct a thorough, independent criminal investigation as timely as is possible under the circumstances. SLED investigators will attempt to conduct interviews with all potential witnesses in this matter, including the involved officers and the individual in question. Further, SLED will attempt to collect all relevant evidence and will forensically test such evidence as needed.

Information gathered during this investigation will be summarized in a case file report to be submitted to prosecutors.

This is an ongoing criminal investigation. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed at this time. SLED will defer to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office for any information about their officers.

The incident in Berkeley County was the 24th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020 and the second this year involving the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; one involved the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office.

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