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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Saturday evening in Orangeburg County where shots were fired by a S.C. state trooper in connection with a traffic stop and car chase. The suspect in the incident was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No other injuries are reported.

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 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. As such, no other information about the case will be disclosed by SLED at this time. SLED will defer to the S.C. Department of Safety for any information about their officer.

The incident in Orangeburg County was the 25th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020 and the second this year involving a state trooper of the S.C. Highway Patrol. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; three involved the S.C. Highway Patrol.

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