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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING NEAR ALLEN UNIVERSITY IN RICHLAND COUNTY

Agents of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating an incident from Friday afternoon in which shots were fired during a confrontation between a man and an officer with Allen University Police in Richland County. The suspect involved is in custody. Both officer and suspect were injured during the incident, however none of the injuries are life threatening.

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 conduct interviews with all potential witnesses in this matter, including the involved officers and the individual in question. Further, SLED will 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 Allen University Police Department for any information about their officer.

The incident near Allen University in Richland County was the 31st officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020 and first this year involving Allen University Police Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved Allen University Police Department.

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