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SLED INVESTIGATING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) are investigating a shooting incident that occurred overnight in Spartanburg County following a disturbance in the parking lot of a local night club. When responding to the disturbance, officers with the Spartanburg Police Department witnessed an individual with a handgun and a confrontation ensued. During the confrontation, one Spartanburg Police Department officer fired his weapon. The individual involved in the confrontation with the officers was not struck and was taken into custody.

After this confrontation, another shooting occurred in the night club parking lot. Shortly thereafter, another individual arrived at a local hospital with a gunshot wound claiming that he was shot by law enforcement. This individual's injuries are not considered life-threatening and SLED is investigating the source of this individual's gunshot wound and the entire incident.

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 individuals 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 the Spartanburg Police Department for any information about their officers.

The incident in Spartanburg County was the 36th officer involved shooting in South Carolina in 2020. It is the first this year involving Spartanburg Police Department. In 2019, there were 45 officer involved shootings in South Carolina; none involved the Spartanburg Police Department.

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